I had almost forgotten to say, that during the three months the immigrants remained in the receptacle that they enjoyed excellent health; and the few who were attacked with the fever, had it in so mild a form that the others imagined that they had nothing to apprehend. Mr Benedict visited Monrovia during the first part of May and while there resigned the agency of this port. During his absence the flour gave out, and the immigrants from the 1st until the 5th of June subsisted on molasses, mackerel, and salt pork and beef. On the 5th of June Messrs Dennis and Benedict arrived in the Lark, which was obtained for the purpose of bringing up rice and flour for these people. Mr D. was also authorized to receive to what Mr Bg had left in the store and to appoint an agent. He appointed R. L. Strimer whose daguerreotype I recognized in your office. He is an honest young man with more ability than any one I know who is in the Society's employ; and I predict for him the same confidence and probity which Mr. Dennis now enjoys.

I regret to inform you that Miss Grant died at the Brewster receptacle some weeks ago.

Yours &c

J. H. Lester

The Hero arrived on the 5th July

I learn that Capt Daniels was not favorably impressed with me but I hope that you and Charity for my weakness and pardon for my offences.

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A. Letter Books

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