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Monrovia, Liberia,
March 2, 1859.

Dr James Hall

My Dear Sir, — I hope you will not conclude that because I did not write to you by the Schooner Exchange nor by Mr. M. L. Stevens, that I have I did not intend to write at all. Nor so. It has been in my mind, and in my heart, since I once more landed in these shores, to send you quite an old fashioned epistle containing a little about every thing; but my dear Sir, in addition to my other duties, an unexpected, onerous, and novel weight of care has been laid upon me. The sudden demise of the U. S. Commercial Agent for this Port, John L. Torrey Esq. induced Commander McBlair of the U. S. Sloop of War Dale to send me a Commission as "Acting U. S. Consul for the Port of Monrovia, State of Liberia West Coast of Africa;" this temporary appointment subject to the action of the Flag Officer of our Squadron, and finally to the Secretary of State. You

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