

To Sch. Exchange Duplicate

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Monrovia July 30. 1859

Messrs J. M. Wall & Co

Dear Sirs

Your favors via England per Steamer last month were received at the moment of closing our letters dated 29 inst

Empty Casks. We have for some time had it in mind to write about them. Mr. Parker, says that he was at first specially employed by Goddard & Co, and sent out to the coast as a Cash Clerk - devoted himself to its duties entirely, until it was satisfactorily ascertained that correct accounts could not be kept, when it was finally arranged that all Casks sent should be charged to the concern at their actual cost, and all received from the coast should be credited at and there more than the cost - the increased charge on those credited to cover the losses incidental to the trade.

We have lately been overhauling & examining the Casks & Shakes that we have had piled up around us, and find that the termite have destroyed and rendered useless over one third - we are equally sufferers with yourselves - An active Palm Oil trade, with particularity in marking or labelling shooks, heading & hoops, and the stowage of the same on board your vessels so that they cannot be separated, will tend to the preservation of the Casks as well as enable us to furnish something like a correct account of them. We do not send here any casks from the "Palmas" should there be any excess over what is immediately required below, we will have them landed here on the return of the vessel.

Your Mrs. Madge per "Palmas" is a good one, Tobacco, Powder, Bacon, Mackerel Soap, are moved real dungs in the market. Of the English articles we are doubtful if prices will enable us to compete successfully with Englishmen.

Salt Your promise of the article, led us to promise supplies so long in advance of its arrival, that Parker received by two vessels 50 tons each, ours now remains piled up in store, without prospect of sale before next December or January.

Crockery. The price of Basins 16¢ each is high, the deduction 35% will barely serve to cover duties & other expenses, leaving you but small profits, when Englishmen are selling them at \$2 & \$2.25 and often for less.

The Brass Rods and Cutlasses, only sell about Cape Palmas, the former 20¢ if of the right size. The latter at Parker's prices \$2 1/2 & \$2 1/2. Copper Rods has some now or other been sent, but never were spoken of or ordered, the preparations of these for trade as far as my knowledge of it extends is about one copper for twenty Brass.

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A. Letter Books

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