Monrovia September 3. 1860

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Messrs G. W. S. Hall & Co

Dear Sirs.

The "Benson" is loaded and ready for departure homeward. leaving at least 10.000 Galls of Palm Oil at different points along the Coast, one half at Bassa — this is to be regretted as it may be missing on the arrival of the Brig "Palma" You will observe that outstanding debts are materially increased this is mainly at Bassa.

Sundry omissions in our last account you will observe, specially the amount paid duties on Jas Thomson's Invoice.

Find a portion of the Palm Oil and Camwood set down at higher rates than we have ever had to pay before. still we have allowed less than is procured constantly at Bassa. De Randamie who takes passage in the Benson sold 10.000 Gals Oil (cash to be returned) at 29¢ Camwood 10½ Sous for $1100. payment down in Specie & drafts — with this increase in the price of produce, there's a decline in the value of Rdze, we are forced to do as others do.

Cuttand has not yet taken his bottles or Sugar Cans, Eden has not yet paid for Sent Stand, and we have not collected freight on Carpeting rec. per Stevens for Government House. We rendered a bill for the Carpeting with 20 ℅ added, which was at the time agreed to by the Secy of Treasury — not being able to pay, the bill was not settled until the 1st inst. Upon your letter to Thos Benson was produced informing him that 10℅ advance would be charged, he paying freight. We had lost or mislaid the B/L so the freight has not been collected. We paid the duties on Sundries for Hill, Eden, Cuttand.

Receive account of Gunpowder on hand — it's hard to say what we shall do with the damaged Kegs, — its dangerous to undertake repacking them — how would it answer to send us 350 or 400 empty five pound Kegs, the Galvanized Iron ones if you like — the handle is good, but the Kegs are eaten by termites to a honeycomb.

We — you may set down as a dead loss except what the bottles may bring at auction, of the entire lot, one Cask only was found good, it contained Stone Bottles: possibly another

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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