on Cask of Ale had every bottle broken. You had better give over all attempts at supplying this article

Boneless Beef. No one makes a second purchase, we have enough of it, when boiled it looks decidedly black, and is hard & dry.

Palm Oil, remarked upon in our last letter, you have been deceived in the article

Tobacco, steadily declining in price on this side. A few weeks ago in order to induce Gal Mere to purchase, I told him that the crop for the year was found short, which would have the effect to raise the price: he thereupon did purchase not from us but from the Colonial Warehouse paying for 3 Hhds Va in Currency, partly, and the balance in truck furnished Emigrants.

Provisions. The recent arrival of the provision for Liberated Africans will affect the market injuriously for private traders. De Randamie gives instructions to his sub. "Sell at 10c below any and every one else". All other importers pay 12c ad val duty, the effect must be to prevent all sales of such commodities as are in the Colonial warehouses, or to force holders to sell at a sacrifice. We merely state these matters to you without complaining — our citizens are benefitted, altho this inequality operates to the detriment of foreign traders.

Observe in Bill of disbursements charges for coopering and for labor of extra hammer. The first grows out of a single cooper, being up all night to set up sufficient Casks between Ports — Casks are landed to be set up and filled, hence the charges for the same. Laborers are required to stave Oil, and to roll it to the point of shipment, as well as to give aid in pushing off the boats.

Outstanding debts are increased; this would not be the case could we have received and shipped the produce. The Amt due by B. A Payne $1700 to $1800 is yet to be placed to our credit, and there's Eight or Nine hundred dollars due us at Cape Palmas, that does not bring in amount. We ship a good deal of our own produce on account without reference to our own consumption, our aim is to keep balances reduced. We can raise for the "Palmas" say 10.000 Galls Palm Oil, and we trust that the short season in November may prove an abundant one, that we may load her with despatch.

The "Benson" can be of very little service out here before April or May. For all of your vessels hereafter we shall have to pay tonnage dues, in consequence of our trading whenever we

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