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Rev J. Hodges

I commence this to send by Steamer via England due tomorrow. we are so barren of news that I can think of nothing to write of importance.

some of us feel glad that you disapproved of any of the recaptives being sent here. they are generally a turbulent, savage race, and would only give us trouble, and not be any benefit to our little country with so few people in it. we have as much as we can do, and almost too much, to keep in check those by whom we are surrounded, without wishing others among us, of whom we would be in constant dread, of their assembling some day and rushing on some individual to get revenge for some injury received by any one of them, as have been done by the 20 or 25 now among us, and as has been done at Monrovia so we dont want them yet. but we do want and need more (American) Emigrants and badly too.

There is no business doing of any amount our rice crops have failed one half from drought, up to the last 3 weeks since 15th June we have had scarcely two good days rain altogether. I am fearful that we will not be able to get a half supply for our next years consumption I have only procured 125 Coos, when every year at this time I have laid in 1000 Coos. and I have no craft afloat

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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