Lt. Commander Navy Brig "Benita"

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Capt. Geo. W. Walton Esq.

Dear Sir,

The last papers received from home bear date Sept. 3rd, today last, our last respects was per Brazil Steamer via Cape Palmas, a letter that should have come in the "Benita" but in the hurry of shipping it was left behind the person in my employ, York.

The Brig "Palmas" is expected here in a week by letters from New York" was heard of her arrival in Gaboon late in August.

We have received the Books for Governor Williams.

Palm Oil. During the last session of our Legislature an act passed both Houses, restricting the trade of all foreign vessels to ports of entry. There is information because Gov. Roberts either did not, or would not approve the bill. One of the objects in the intention of the passage of this act, was the power to prevent the adulteration of Oil as at present practiced by the natives. For Americans to be engaged in purchasing Palm Oil because of impurities would be depriving numbers of the trade altogether, as the foreigner purchases at higher rates than our people offer very, at that time report. We therefore wish to exclude foreigners from coasting trade, and confine them to ports of entry, that to appoint inspectors of Oil, whose duty it should be to examine according to its purity. We are satisfied that a vessel of Palm Oil would be saved from the purification of Palm and Oil, of paying for her, then the man-of-war period, would be an endurance, it would be well worth our while to pay it, in order to secure an equal article.

The Palm Oil from all impurities after being thoroughly melted, it must be left to stand, for a few hours, in order that its impurities may settle to the bottom, then the pure oil to be drawn off.