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Ship "Mendi"

Monrovia Nov. 26. 1860

Dear Doctor

The "Mendi" is at last about leaving the coast homeward bound: she has on board it is said 50.000 Galls Palm Oil and it may probably be true.

Our English enterprizes, have not resulted exactly as we could have wished, yet upon the whole, as an experiment has proven satisfactory. Two months more of time was consumed than we deemed necessary, otherwise we should feel perfectly contented. Hereafter we shall try and repair our Schooners on the coast, wear them out, and purchase new ones to take their places.

I was on board the "James Hall" last week, for the first time She is really a nice strong and staunch little craft; it has lately been discovered that her sailing qualities since her arrival on the coast has been constantly impaired by her being out of trim — always too much by the head, since this has been rectified, it is thought that she will equal the "M Shippard" in her sailing.

Our wish to purchase a large vessel still holds — If we can raise the $30.000 required, by June or July, then I shall visit you.

It is resolved here, to re-nominate J. J. Roberts for the Presidency. Benson is using his best efforts to serve a fourth term and has the entire support of his own County — Every where else the current is strongly adverse — Of course I am one of J. J. R.'s strongest supporters. J. T. Gibson. B. J. Drayton, or Warner will be nominated for the Vice Presidency. The Convention will meet next month, until then nothing can be determined.

Yours

Sam A. Rice

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