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Per Brig "James"

Monrovia Liberia Co

Messrs G. W. S. Hall & Co

Dear Sirs

The Brig "Palmas" arrived on the 2 inst. We shall start her off coastwise on the 9 if good weather. We have paid tonnage dues, to enable Frantz to touch at any place where a cask of Palm Oil is to be procured. Oil is very scarce, the season is late and does not promise an abundance.

Sperm Oil casks containing 180 to 200 Galls. nearly gauge true we have frequently apprised you of this and have advised you sending smaller casks instead of large, the difference in gauge; or the vast difference that proceeds from the preliminary gauge in the Cargo of the Palmas — Will it not be much easier for you to furnish smaller casks for a time to attempt the work of filling in = stead of any new method of gauging?

We sold Mr. Robert for the Sarah Moore 2000 Galls of Oil at 40¢ pr Gall. drafts on England. We sold to Oliver of Boston yesterday 1000 Galls Oil at 40¢ pr. draft 30 days. This was the market in Barsa Cove last week to be welcomed.

We Oil we had been expecting, in hope that the Palmas would have arrived out early enough to have procured two thirds of her cargo coastwise, when we would have supplied the balance, so as to have got her off the coast the last of this month; but her very long passage and delays did not permit of a great extension of Oil trade, and your reports of the quality of Oil so very discouraging that we find it impracticable and to be prudent to stop the spot at the coast price. We still retain 10 to 12.000 Galls for the "Palmas" and shall use our very best endeavors to get the Brig away in time to have her return to our coast in June or July and

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