

and we apprehend a great scarcity of Rice next year, the early commencing of our rains, which has prevented the Natives from finishing their <sup>rice</sup> farms is the cause of the failure of our Oil season, Palm Nuts have been very abundant but for want of time to gather them they have been left to rot on the trees

It is very probable Bonson will be re-elected for the next term of Presidency, our firm being his most bitter opponents will have to be prepared for the worst, as I have no doubt he will be disposed to use the most arbitrary measures in his power to injure us, but should he try there will be war to the knife between us personally, the late Poor River raid has turned the whole of our Community in his favor, but for this he would not have secured 12 votes in this County, so bitterly were our Citizens opposed to him, altho his popularity here is so great at present, a more capable man than Yates would be preferred, the supposed incompetency of Yates for the office gives Bonson the preference, our election takes place on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. there is but little interest manifested about it, a few office holders favorable to the present administration strive to keep it in very feeble agitation but so poorly that there has not been any nominations for the legislature this coming term

The "Cordelia" has in 3 Casks O. Oil for Messrs Bonson & Deaker & 4 Casks for Yates & Porterfield, consigned to you for them by Capt Alexander, for which O. S. S. are given by Capt Roberts

My latest dates from Monrovia is 10<sup>th</sup> April, Business was dull, politics the all absorbing interest, that County & since

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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