

unhealthy year as well among the old as  
new settlers since December we have lost some  
forty odd of our old settlers, young and old  
I hope the subject of a settle-  
ment up the Cavalla river may not be for-  
gotten, I think there never was a more favorable  
time for the commencing of such a settlement than  
the present the aborigines, all along from Harper  
to Wibo so or 90 miles up the Cavalla River have  
in consequence of the vanquishment of the "Great warrior"  
the Nafans, formed most exalted ideas of the po-  
tency of the Liberian Army, and would perhaps  
just now at least, do anything rather than pro-  
voke a "palaver," with the Government

Please accept my sincere wish  
for the health and prosperity of your <sup>self</sup> family  
Excuse the intrusion I have made upon your  
time

and believe me

Your Obedt Servt

J. Gibson  
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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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