in your Country, several Drafts were returned last Mo protested and by this Stmr. we apprehend quite a shower of them, the one you sent back to the Dr. has been renewed it ought not to have been sent on, as it was drawn on Mr Hoffman who was here at the time, I continue to recive Miss orders & drafts as I suppose they will be good in time.

Our Colonies are sorely in want of Provisions, Johnson & Co's Bg. "Edward". & Clark's Schr Antelope brought none and their is the greatest scarcity in all the settlements, Johnson & co seems to offer nothing for sale and do not care to take Palm Oil. they had not over 5000 Galls Oil. on board when the Bg. left here 10 day ago. yet they had determined on sending her back in ballast to bring out a cargo of provisions. expecting her to arrive on the coast again before any other vessel with provisions when the hoped to make a grand spec. as it would pay well and command the ready for one must have. the Dr. writes me he had but 1 Bbl Bress & a little Bacon for family use, and I am no better off. and it is the same with every one else in two Mos more I doubt if a pound of Meat or fish can be procured at any price, unless their be some arrival to supply us. a full cargo of all kinds of Provisions would sell now in Liberia ensuring a full return cargo in two Mos.

The Dr. writes July 17. "I had to borrow of Government 2 Bbls Beef and 1 Bbl Flour for the Brig Palmas Stores

I am expecting the daily arrival of the "Palmas" here

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A. Letter Books

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