Monrovia August 27th 1861

Wm James Hall

Dear Sir,

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Yours dated 18 & 21st ulto from Lindenderry was not rec.d here until the 5th inst, your last favor bear date 23 ulto at Newport.

The "Tilt Gwaenor" now lies high and nearly dry in the river, in my opinion irreparable here, this being the case the delivery of the mails from Palmas will be very irregular in future. The same conveyance that brought yours from Cape Palmas brought letters from Rozzel — his, like yours, gave evidence of his laboring under the most despondent feelings growing out of apparently incurable bodily infirmities, his are the effects of his ancient malady acting on a scrofulic constitution, giving rise to an endless variety of cutaneous affections. It is his purpose to start for Madeira next month or the month following, where he may spend from three to six months. Permit me here to advise that Rozzel may draw on you for five hundred dollars — we shall furnish him with ample funds, and arrange for him to draw on England, so that he may have no occasion to draw on you. Rozzel's departure from C. Palmas will leave our business there in the hands of strangers, better this however, than to intrust it to Geo. Russwurm with his disturbed and inebriate habits.

We feel satisfied that you have room for feeling dissatisfied with the aspect of our African business, we regret it, but cannot see in what way it can be improved — the quality and price of produce on the coast, the low prices of goods by reason of active competition, when joined to expenses, must make the business but slightly remunerative. We cannot help it. The only encouragement to trade ourselves by importing our own goods & hereafter by them only to retail, otherwise losses by credits and by clearances. Palm Oil must be wound up. We must buy Oil & dust as others do or we must give up trade.

George McGill is disposed of as you direct, as we could expect he is reiterated whenever he can acquire the funds to do so. He may encounter hardships, but perhaps no greater than he might have from these.

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A. Letter Books

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