Cape Palmas Sept. 15. 1861

Messrs G. W. S. Hall & Co 68 E A 28

Dear Sirs

We suffered the Schr. "Antelope" to sail from here on the 7th inst. direct for Boston without being able to write you a line, having very sore hands and fingers, which has kept me from doing any kind of writing for the last three weeks.

The "Palmas" left here 31st ultimo she then had on board 14000 Galls Oil & I think 30 odd Tons Camwood. She was out of stores having but 1 Bbl. Beef left, and expected to be five weeks between this and Monrovia with no prospects of procuring any amount of Oil towards or near loading her, as it is too early and the second oil season has not set in; therefore no calculation can be made as to the time she will probably leave the coast. it will be impossible for her to leave the coast without sufficient stores for the voyage to Liverpool, and they cannot be procured in all Liberia at present, and unless there be an arrival of some vessel bringing provisions for sale. She must either go to S. Leone or remain at Monrovia God knows how long. There has never been such a scarcity of provisions on our coast. Johnston & Co's vessel the Antelope nor the "Ocean Eagle" either brought any. Our last supply was by the "Stevens" and in this place. A pound of Salt Meat cannot be bought at 50cts.

The first arrival with a full cargo of provisions

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