Pr Brig "Palmas" Duplicate Sent to Liverpool

Monrovia October 16. 1861

Messrs Geo W. J. Hall & Co

Dear Sir

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Your Brig "Palmas" is on the point of departure for Liverpool with only part of a cargo: we can scarcely express how deeply chagrined and disappointed we feel in consequence of our inability to have done better for you. A large amount of debts were outstanding when the "Cordelia" left the coast, of which we felt sure that $5.000 at least could have been collected, but we had made no allowances at all for the possible failure in the supply of Oil — this supply did fail, or has failed, causing all who are engaged in trade on our coast disappointment.

We might have made arrangements to freight our own Oil over in your vessel, (as it has been ready ever since July) but for our apprehension that your vessel in her entire capacity would have been required for your own produce. Palm Oil is not to be procured on the coast at present, to keep your vessel here doing nothing would only be subjecting you to needless expense, we therefore concluded that it is best to let her go, rather than make bad worse.

We have forwarded Invoice & Bill of Lading to Mess Brown, Shipley & Co Liverpool, and we enclose Account of the quantity and value of produce shipped, with Credits for Freight on 23 Casks of Oil shipped on our private account.

Please receive also Bill of Disbursements against the Brig which at this moment is $2.715 55/100 with other sums to be added.

From the date of the "Stevens" departure from the coast, the Brig has been (according to the representations of Capt. Robinson) short of every thing his applications for supplies of all kinds have been incessant — he has had the misfortune to be constantly at variance with his Mate, and now when we believe that the mans services will be needed most, he has him permanently suspended from duty. Robertson is not personally offensive to us, he is civil, courteous and obliging, yet had we possessed the power we would have sent him home in the "Cordelia" and trusted the Brig with the Mate, who in our opinion is the most capable man of the two: it is needless for us now to make further remarks on the subject.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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