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Dear Doctr

Geo. in the "Palmas" left Monrovia about the 1st inst. I have learnt nothing in regard to his buisness, more than Urias (who has been here) informed me, that he will most likely get his vessel loaded on this part of the Coast as oil is now plentiful above this as well as to leeward, — George's letter which I mail by this Steamer will no doubt give you particulars of his buisness prospects, — I expect him here in the next 3 or 4 weeks, I may or may not have some oil on hand to let him have but now I have none as I am shipg all surplus pr mail, and our oil buisness here is rather poor owing to the number of English traders below here at our trading places, while they remain we cannot do enough buisness to pay expenses, of our Schr.

I know of nothing of importance to write you more than we apprehend a collision between the Cape Palmas & Rock Town natives along side of the Mail Steamer tomorrow, owing to some little skirmishing between them on the arrival of last Mo's Steamer, Mr Gibson our Superintendant has met them in council and cautioned them against interfering with each other and has threatened to fire on the Cape Palmas People if their canoes go off to the Steamr armed and has to night stationed guards armed and equipped to fire on them in case they attempt to pass out of the bar, this guard is to be kept up until after the arrival and departure of the Mail Steamrs due tomorrow. I hope it will end without any difficulty between us and them, as we are a poor feeble sett of wretches here, and without food of any kind to last us over one month without the exception of 600 Cross Rice that I have just rceed from Monrovia there is not a man in this place who has sufficient for family use for one month. and the natives are as bad or worse off than we are, there being neither Cassada or Potatoes to be had anywhere

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