By English Mail Steamer

Monrovia August 31. 1863

Mr. J. W. S. Hall & Co
Baltimore.

Dear Sir

Yours dated 17 ultto. enclosing draft for $35. is recd. Mr. Coopers boat employed to carry the mail this month, was lost off Bullom Town on the 28th being then twelve hours out, from this port: we are sending duplicates of our letters & draft. Please forward to Messrs Yates and Porterfield the second of #123 by J. T. Gibson Apl. 14/63 your favor $35.00

The "Wind" arr. here on the 29 from Liverpool. ~~Up~~ to 8 Aug. we had paid to Baily wife $25. Donaldson's $36. We have notice that an anchor is on board for us, the vessel has gone down to Marrick, on her return we shall receive it; thank you.

We recd. a letter from your Father per "Stevens" in lieu of Tobacco. — we do not feel inclined to reply to it, nor is it necessary: please read that letter, and try and explain our arrangements and about the Camwood.

Benson & Milary Johnson have split: — Lynch is also out with Benson — Actions at law have commenced between all of the parties, and we are having awful revelations of swindlings, plunderings: private correspondences are being brought to light! All right!! the people have been plundered by somebody, I have long suspected, and felt sure of how it was being done and who the somebodies are.

By some kind of bad management we have not recd. a single line from Bro Roezel — but learn that he was pretty well.

Family all well — respects to yours &c

Yours truly &c

Sam'l W. Bell.

P.S On the 12 July. Genl. Lee & forces were rather in a bad fix, we hope that General Meade had enough men to cut off supplies and reinforcements from Lee, he ought to have done when the Northerners are swarming down by thousands — Lee's army cut up and the rebellion will be finished — and then roll up your sleeves and square off for "John Bull" — he ought to be made to fight whether or no — Go in for Canada, and pay him off for pick stealing the mean, contemptible snake.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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