passing over the bar in the usual and accustomed way they took the boat to the bank on the northern side of the bar, where there are always no or less breakers. The only reason I can imagine why they did so is that the current from the river was running out very strongly, and to avoid having having to pull hard against it & to get the aid of the breakers to drive them in. I think it was done from any intention to harm any one. Cape Palmas bar is generally looked upon as insignificant & not dangerous by sea Kroomen and they become careless in passing it. I passed over it that morning on going to the ship in the same boat & returned on shore, after the accident occurred, the same day over it in the ship's smaller boat — and each time I passed I could see no danger — for there were no breakers in this channel. Such a thing has never before occurred to my knowledge in the history of Liberia to any Emigrants in their landing. The Kroomen says that, when the breaker or swell struck the boat, all the Emigts jumped up & rushed on one side and that it was from that, that caused the boat to upset. Whether that was so or not they ought not to have attempted to pass in over the bank, which out of their way in going ashore. I am very sorry about it —

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