Extract from a letter from Mr Henry W. Dennis, dated "Monrovia, February 21. 1871."

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"I have learned since the sailing of the Golconda that Capt: Clements, while lying in our harbor, sold from the ship a lot of provisions to a vessel then lying in port. How much he sold I have not learned. I deem it proper to give you this information. On the arrival of the ship here, foreign provisions were quite scarce, and I learned that persons were applying to Captain Clements to sell them some from the ship. I spoke with him about it and told him that he was not at liberty to sell any stores left from the voyage out, and that all surplus stores that were not required for the homeward voyage, he was to land to me. When we had completed the landing and invoice I was somewhat surprized to find that of the stores sent to me, as per Bill of Lading and Invoice, there were short ten bbls of Flour, four bbls Mess Beef, five bbls Pork, one bbls of Vinegar, one box Soap, one keg butter, one box Medicines all of which, except the box of medicines, the Captain said he had to use on the voyage out, as the quantity put on board for the voyage was insufficient. The box of Medicines, he said, was not put on board and must have been left in the office in Baltimore. As the ship brought 54 emigrants less than she was expected to bring, it seemed to me there ought to have been a surplus of stores from the voyage instead of consuming a part of those sent to me. If the Captain reports the sales he made and what was done with the proceeds, then it may be all right: if not, then I think an inquiry should be made of him about it. For while I have no personal knowledge of the matter, I have been informed of it by reliable parties, but they could not tell me the quantity that was thus sold from the ship."

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