132 Roberts Port, Liberia

Saturday July 4th 1857

~~Dr James Hall~~

Dear Sir

I cast anchor here yesterday after a passage of very moderate weather, for I never took a reef in my Top Sails since I left home. I made the passage to the Cape de Verd Islands in twenty days, but I never had such a troublesome time of it, in my life, to get along as I have had since I left the Islands.

There has been one birth since I left home, but the child did not live long, but there has been no other deaths on the passage

I am spurring them up here all that I can, for if I do not, I see that they will detain me, and I want to get of tomorrow morning if it is possible.

This Chronometer that I have got, is about as worthless an Instrument as ever I seen on board of a Ship. I found that it was out of the way before I left Cape Henry, and before I got to the Coast it stopt ~~all~~ entirely.

The person that this machinery was for Mr Richardson is dead, he was drowned in the river above Monrovia so I understand, but who ever I deliver his property too I will take receipts for the same. Yours truly

I will write again in Monrovia.) John B Heaps

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