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Extract of letter of Dr. H. J. Roberts,
dated Monrovia 3 Jany 1859.
to Rev. Wm. McLain.

"The want of medicines for this Company has been, and still is severely felt by all concerned. The medicines by the Stevens when it is divided out between the Stations will be found to be insufficient for the sick. There has been a great amount of illness among these recaptives.

Dr. Dennis handed over the Boxes of Medicines to me to apportion out among the Physicians — I shall use all economy and discretion in its division — I have just got through putting up some medicines for Tracy Receptacle, Dr. Corsa — He has from Emigrants and 25 Congoes goes up this afternoon — as it is desired we should give Quinine more frequent or from their landing, we required for such a purpose as much again as formerly, indeed we ought than a good and large apartment —

Please send by the "Pres.t Benson" or by the return of this vessel if she has left 4 gals. of Castor Oil — 4 gals. Alcohol — 1/2 lb. Oil of Pennyroyal — 4 lb. Sweet Spirits of Nitre — 10 oz Quinine — 4 lb. Balsam Copaiba — 4 lb. Laudanum, and other medicines as are usually sent —"

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