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Ship

Dr James Hall
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Monrovia Feb. 22nd /59

Dear Sir

We have a Saw Mill, the same formerly owned by the Liberian Enterprise Company, in operation, we have on hand about One hundred thousand feet of choice Boards, Whisno and Spanish Cedar, the same that Segar boxes are made of, If the mill is kept in operation we cannot find a market for it in Liberia. Were we possessed of a larger Vessel to take it to the Gold, and South coast, we might keep the mill in operation, our small boats are useless for that purpose, as they would prove unprofitable.

We have therefore thought of shipping it to the United States, in the Ship C. Stevens, What think you of it? As she goes home generally not loaded, we have thought proper and propose the Shipment of choice Cedar and Whisno of such thickness as you may recommend, In the event of our doing so, can you not favor us with a deduction on the freight? We donot wish the mill to cease working, and are willing to make this experiment, Please favor us with your opinion about this matter.

Any advice with regard to the whole operation will be thankfully received by

Your Humble Servants

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