came with me; few or no Volunteers could be obtained on any other conditions. Rice is here very scarce this season, and our people must be supported at extra expense. Much public work is to be done; and I do assure you with such Emigrants as I now have but little can be effected. There is not the least particle of public spirit or patriotism in them, and it is with utmost effort that I can produce unanimity of feeling sufficiently to enable them to mess together. - Another matter ought to be noticed, & that is, if the Emigrants are promised small stores as Sugar Coffee, Tea, & Butter by the local Agent such stores ought to be furnished in sufficient quantities to last the six months; for after over enjoying these luxuries at the hands of the Society, they cannot be cut off without producing dissatisfaction. -

Feby 16th. I have just come on board & find Mr Wilson in the Boat ready to go off very unexpectedly, & must close. More anon, Yrs. most respectfully,

James Hall.

Cape Palmas, Feby 23. 1834

Mr Latrobe. Dear Sir, Had I been free from chills & fever the past week, I should have been able to furnish you with a rude map of our Town, bay & the adjacent Country; but as it is you must be content to wait until the Brig Ann sails. - Judging it absolutely impossible to construct

means of defence before the rains with our bad materials, I have concluded to land emigrants & some few necessary articles as Nails, lumber &c and to despatch the Brig for the families at Cape Mesurada. By so doing I shall loose no time as we could not land our valuable Cargo .... until a proper house could be erected, and this will progress equally as well during her absence. Mr Hersey has been very active the few past days in erecting a rough board Shanty for ourselves, but 'tis like the native houses of our Colonists - very leaky & uncomfortable. - As to fortifications or means of defence, 'tis out of the question at present. - We must depend upon management; they will not attack us while we have possession of the Kings' sons. This measure cost me much trouble & coaxing. - I wrung them one by one & promised them in the most solemn manner that they should be well treated & taught to read & write, & I trust my pledge will be redeemed. - I obtained the last one to day of King Freeman, & was followed by him, boy & mother to the beach all howling. - In my last I mentioned the need of Chairs, but since that time the Kings have demanded in their stead three settees, which I wish sent by the first Vessel together with the other articles mentioned in the list of purchase money, which I had not. - As it regards provisions, we are likely to come short. - A sufficiency was put on Board for fifty adults six months; since leaving Liberia I have furnished at least Eighty adults & in order to induce a sufficient number to embark, I was forced to promise support to them and families for six months after all public work was ended. This has been one inducement

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