to me to let fortifying alone at present and give them their lots immediately & hire those whom I may choose among them & depend upon natives to do the principal labour. I must necessarily expend what trade goods I have ere a vessel can arrive, & this I hope will induce the Board to despatch a Vessel immediately.- So much was said to me when in Baltimore of my extravagant outfit that I purchased even less amount of trade goods than I judged necessary. But on looking over my invoice, I find that the whole amount of trade goods, including Rum, does not exceed Twenty four hundred dollars & twenty five was judged necessary for the purchase, This I have effected with about Fourteen hundred leaving me one thousand for contingent expenses for six months besides extra provisions.- I trust therefore the Board will see the necessity of sending a liberal amount of trade Goods as before mentioned, and they may rest assured that the utmost economy will be used.- I think it would be advisable to send full provisions for the next expedition for six months, as some difficulties may occur to prevent our people from raising much this Season, & the jealousy of the Natives may perhaps at that time induce them to prevent our being supplied & suffering would ensue,- I wish also a few thousand feet of rough boards, they will be constantly wanted, also a few Kegs of nails. The iron must not be omitted.-

Previous to our arrival at Cape Mesurada, Mr. Hersey signifies to me that he should leave the

Expedition there; but to this I could hardly consent & he concluded to accompany me down & assist in erecting the house & then return to America, He appears anxious to engage in the cause & beat the bush at home instead of Africa & no doubt his knowledge of matters here will render his efforts very effective,- I engaged Mr. James M. Thomson to come with us from Cape Messurada and promised him the same Salary that he was there receiving viz. Three hundred pr. an. He is to act as Secretary, Store Keeper, Book Keeper and Surveyor.-

Mr. McGill came down with me & has laid out some Lots, and been otherwise very useful,- He will doubtless return here and settle permanently or send his Son.- I shall write you by the Inn which I hope to discharge on her return from the Cape.

Yours very respectfully
James Hall.

x P.S. I am daily asked for axes hatchets, & other agricultural implements which were promised our people by the local Agent, this matter ought to be set aright, promises ought to be fulfilled or not made.- The article of soap ought not to be omitted, we have not half a supply.-

In haste, Yrs. J. Hall.

H. J. A. B. Latrobe Esqr. } Cape Palmas Feby 15. 1834.

Dear Sir,

I feel grateful to kind Providence that I have it in my power to drop you a line on the subject of the new

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