whether I rejoiced or sorrowed the most; to receive your greetings (and money was extremely gratifying, but then, that an expedition should come to our relief and bring no people, was a source of extreme mortification: inasmuch, as I have give the natives to understand, that I daily expected one hundred at least; and I had two houses of seventy two feet in length each, in readiness to receive them.

The Cargo was in good condition, and was landed in three working days without accident, although it was to be delivered on shore still to expedite matters, I turned in twenty hands and two large canoes. - Mr. Cook, (the owner, and Supercargo) and Capt. Weems have attended to the business, just in the manner, that I could wish, and have readily given satisfaction for some slight damages sustained by the Cargo, - as the breaking of three demyohns and consequent waste of contents. - Of the matters touched upon in your letters I shall speak more fully when time will permit. - It however becomes me to say that the approval by the Board of Managers, of the manner in which I had conducted matters, as far as had come to their knowledge, was exceedingly gratifying to me, and next to the "well done, good and faithful servant" from a higher source, I view it as the highest reward I can receive for my feeble services. —

As another opportunity may not offer soon for America I will briefly state the more important circumstances which have occurred since my last communication bearing date June 27. and sent by Mr. Thompson to Cape Mesurado for forwarding. - A Vessel soon after arrived from Salem, Mass. of which I purchased some cloth and powder and paid specie. - The articles were very low, and I much needed them, and palm oil could not be received in payment. A few days afterwards a Spanish Schooner anchored in our harbour, and I bartered one half

a hogshead of Tobacco for Cloth and iron. - (Of this Tobacco I will speak more hereafter). About a week before the arrival of the Schooner Sarah and Priscella, the Brig Ruth arrived from Philadelphia, John Hanson Owner and Supercargo. Mr. Thompson and wife came passengers in her from Cape Mesurado. Mr. T. knowing that I was about commencing my ware house purchased at auction in Monrovia, a quantity of lumber, lime, iron pots, and nettunes. - The purchase was judicious and I accepted of the articles. - I was obliged to draw on the Treasurer for 100 dollars to pay for the purchase by Mr. T. - I bartered two hunchcons of palm oil with Mr. Hanson for crockery, and also my boat for cloths at 150 dollars, taking cloths at their current wholesale value on this Coast. - I parted with the boat because she was not strong enough for a Cargo boat nor large enough for Coasting, and no one was able to manage her sails. - Now all these trades I have been necessitated to make and most of them to a decided disadvantage, from not having goods enough in the outset, and I could not be supposed to guess exactly when relief might come. - The S. & Priscella found me of course pretty well supplied, but I assure you her Cargo was quite acceptable, as I now have a full assortment, and can do business more to advantage. - But I am obliged to state that the goods like all riches have brought their attendant troubles. - The natives have laid claim to one half the cargo as belonging to them, and are much dissatisfied with the amount agreed upon in our first palavers. - I find that they are determined to fleece from us as far as they can, and should I now give in, and make any considerable addition (and it must be considerable to give present satisfaction) now there would be no end to their extortions. - They have doubled the price agreed upon for our provisions, and carry it on board of Vessels in our harbour and sell it for half. - There is no limit to the depradations which they are constantly committing. - They have withdrawn all help from our Town, and

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