persuaded the bush people, and as far as they are able the beach Towns to have no trade with us, and they are determined to bring us to their terms. But should we do this once, there is an end to our independence and we can never afterwards have any peace, or transact any business with them in a reasonable manner. I have used every exertion to keep peace with them, and to coax and reason them into good manners, but it is of no avail, they must fear us, or connexion with them will be out of the question. I am blamed on the one hand by the Colonists for being partial to them in all difficulties which have occurred between both parties, and on the other hand by the natives for the same reason. Rum has again come on the carpet, and they are clamorous for it, but this I steadily and uniformly deny. The only immediate trouble I apprehend, is to get rice for the people, and for this purpose I would charter the Schooner, a couple of weeks, but from your repeatedly expressed dread of drafts, I had rather run the risk of starvation. To succumb, and grant their unreasonable demands, I never will, and I believe the majority of the Colonists generally possess the vertue of obstinacy to the same extent. I shall be obligd to furnish rations much longer than the period fixed, 6 months, but I shall sell the provisions at cost, and have them labour for the public as a remuneration. I have before informed you that we arrived at least one month too late to do any thing at farming the ensuing year. Although I hope ere your fall expedition arrives to have a quantity of land cleared and grubbed, that they may be stimulated to immediate exertion. I can accommodate, one hundred well now, and I hope ere they arrive, that I shall have cleared up our political horizon, and laid in a few hundred bushels of rice. I shall take an account of stock on hand, and make out my semi-annual a/c. on the first of September, and I trust it will be satisfactory

when examined by your Executive Committee.—

To satisfy you concerning the voyage of the S. & P., you had better consult the log book.— In very great haste,

I have the honor to be, Yours.

J. Hall.

To Jno. H. B. Latrobe Esq. Cape Palmas August 17. 1834.

Dear Sir,

It gives me pleasure to state that the Gentleman Mr. Cook to whom you intrusted the cargo, consigned to me has so far as circumstances have come to my knowledge taken considerable pains to perform his part of the contract with great promptness and fidelity. In my present necessitous situation he has not only displayed a willingness to serve me and the Colony but a desire to do so without adequate compensation. He has spent three days in procuring a few hoos of rice and charged no more therefore, than what I have been accustomed to give the natives. Such philanthropic conduct in a business man on the Coast of Africa is very rare, and merits your decided approbation.

I have the honour to be.

Your obd. Servant.

James Hall.

Cape Palmas August 17. 1834

I hereby certify that I have received in good order and condition of the Schooner Sarah & Priscilla & Owner, all goods wares & merchandize sent and consigned to me by the Maryland State Col. Society of Mr. W. S. A. agreeably with the Bill of Lading signed by W. S. Weems Master of said Sch. in behalf of B. H. Cook owner of said Schooner. Witness my hand and Seal

James. Hall (Seal)

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