following proportions viz. say of 12 parts in value 6 parts cloth, 2 parts crockery, 2 Tobacco, 2 Powder. – Of cloth domestic Cottons, blue & white only. Furniture check, blue slazy ginghams, cheapest. Apron check, Blue & white checked domestic hdkfs. Cheap blue & white calico, & strong brown & slazy cheap bleached shirting. Crockery the cheapest white ware, wash basons, mugs, bowls, pitchers, plates. – Tobacco. Of common, none but the longest & strongest. – Powder, the cheapest & in the smallest possible kegs. – The matter of the death of that boy, needs not have given you so much uneasiness, I shall settle it without difficulty. I expect Polo tomorrow. I shall take a few hundred $ of plank of Capt. Canteaume & give an order on the Treasurer. – I did not need the plank myself but can turn it over to the mason who is building the ware house as part payment for the cash part of the contract. I hope to be able to communicate with you more fully by the Brig L. & Elizabeth of A.G. which is now at the leeward. One of our Colonists comes home with the Bourne. – I should advise your immediate questioning of him before evidence ere the antimen get hold of him. He is a man of irreproachable character, and will tell the truth.

I remain very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
James Hall.

Ina H. B. Latrobe Esq.

Monrovia Africa January 20. 1835.

Dear Sir

Thirty five days from Baltimore lands us at Monrovia all with the exception of one case, in improved health. – During the passage experienced the weather from a gale to a calm. – Our sea sickness was generally very mild, and most of the time we enjoyed high spirits. –

I think without an exception from a deliberate judgment, there was no

manifested wish to look back. When we made Cape Mount which was the first land we made on the Coast, all attempts to describe our feelings would fall so far short, and so awfully maugre and beggar the subject that I must ask the privilege simply to remark, that after feelings were able to resolve themselves into words, the unanamous declaration from the Captain down to the last that was able to speak was, this is the prettiest prospect that ever fell under my sight, and as we continued our gaze down the shore, for our vision was then prepared to devour to the greatest extent, the beauty of the scene increased to a charm. I am urged by my feelings this moment to dwell here, but as other more important matter claims my pen, permit me to close by saying, I wish you had have enjoyed so indescribable a treat with me. But I must say some of the emigrants declared that they were already compensated for all their sea troubles. – In this place I find the people enjoying as they say, the best health, and I am sure it is as good or better than is realized in many parts of America. – I have been introduced to, and solicited by the Governor to visit his Territory, but am under the necessity to decline for several reasons the most weighty of which is the fear of being disabled by an attack of fever to attend to my more immediate and useful duties. – I have never enjoyed myself more at any place than at this, I could say many good things which I know would be entertaining & pleasing to you and the Board but decline for the want of time and the fear of exaggeration, for I am pleased far beyond sanguine expectation. – This is all good but the best is yet to be told. – I have been fortunate to fall in with the Officers of the Schooner by whom I now write that carried out Mr. Wilson and are but three weeks from Palmas. – They have been kind enough to communicate freely, and possibly to exaggeration, and so many great and good things are the result that I write

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