possibly, not be justified in giving the statement at large; suffice it then to say that Governor Ashmun and all the Emigrants are enjoying the best of Health and spirits, (no deaths since the two of which you have heard) and are prepared to receive us. The mate told me that he had traded on the Coast for two years, and Palmas promised more than any place on the Coast, and said he would as soon live there as any place he had ever seen in America; from the fact that it is one of the most beautiful and plentiful places he had ever seen. I have ventured to tarry on shore one night in company with our good Mr. Sayes, who I find to be one of the most warmhearted and companionable men. We shall sail this afternoon for Palmas, hoping to arrive in two days. Please present my respects to the Board and say to them that every inducement from the present prospects here are flattering, and call on them to be untiring in their efforts, and also promise them a rich reward for all their labours. And be not discouraged my dear Sir: but take courage, as you see the prospects are unfolding & brightening.

I remain your honest friend & humble servant
Richd. P. Gould

P. S. The thermometer stands this 10 O'Clock at 80°.
Revd. Wm. McKenney

J. H. B. Latrobe Esq. Cape Palmas Africa Jan. 27. 1835.

Dear Sir,

It affords me much pleasure to inform you and the Board of our safe arrival at this place on the 3rd. after a pleasant voyage of forty one days from Baltimore, including the two occupied at Monrovia; myself and the Emigrants have landed in the possession of improved Health, and high spirits, realizing all we expected. The information that I have been able to obtain from three

days observation and otherwise, offer me the freedom and gratification to state the prosperity of the Colony to be exceeding all my calculations. The Governor I find to be a man of business, and well calculated to conduct the affairs of the Colony, and I have every promise of having a very agreeable visit at this place. He is in a feeble state of health, and thinks it would be important to return in the Spring to America, but I cannot consent to remain as I think the Colony would suffer loss. The state of affairs in and of the Colony has been represented fairly by the report you will receive, therefore I shall decline all specifications only, by request of the Governor say, the great anticipated difficulty by yourself & Board as it regards Charles' death, has been settled without the least difficulty, which could not have been done, had they, had the least idea of your fears, which I thought at the time to be groundless.

Probably you may be looking & expecting to receive some account of the Country, and some settled opinion from my pen, and here I shall beg leave simply to state, that so far as three days observation will advise, I freely and honestly say, that the location of our Town is one of the most beautiful I ever saw, the lands are as good or better (naturally) than those of America - it is abundant in productions of wild growth, both timber and fruit. The staple commodity of the Country is not positively known, but so far as observation will bear us out, I think we may place it on Cotton and Rice, which can without doubt be raised in the greatest abundance; and you must make some arrangements to procure us a Seine of fifty fathoms length, and from 6 to 8 feet depth which would supply our Colony with mackarel & other fine fish. In the bush there is a plenty of cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, antelopes, and a species of deer, all very fine. We have fowls, guineas, ducks &c. and many good things that Americans know nothing about.

Permit me now to state that I think it highly commendable that

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