and finds him strongly inclined to the same opinion as myself, & should you see fit to confer with him you will no doubt become convinced of the expediency of some such arrangement. There are many other important matters connected with the Colony, concerning which I am unable to write, and had I health and time, it would be superfluous as he has had abundance of leisure and opportunity, & been at particular pains to inform himself, and to him I would refer you for that minute information which you so much desire. I refer to the subject of bringing out and provisioning Emigrants. The inducement which ought to be held out to them. The necessary articles with which they ought to be furnished and in fact every thing connected with the Emigrants until they shall arrive here. What may be Mr. Gould's opinion of the present state and general management of the Colony I am unable to say, but his opinion be it good or bad, ought to be expressed in writing and go before the public, as his advantages of observation have been great, and have enabled him fully to comprehend the practicability or impracticability of making a self-supporting, permanent nation, the material & location considered.—

March 16th. Since writing the above I have suffered a slight attack, but have spent most of the last week or ten days, day and night with Mr. Wilson who has suffered severely from an extremely excited state of the brain, & nervous system generally: induced by too intense application to his Correspondence. I have never known a case that was so many days absolutely hopeless of recovery. He is now fairly convalescent, at least not dangerous. His loss would be irreparable or rather I fear the effect would be that the missionary operations from which we hope so much assistance in managing the natives would be suspended. I think I need not make any apologies for not being able to send you by this vessel the semi-annual A/c of March 1st after having so fully informed you of

my almost continued ill health for the past three months. You will readily see that as I have no assistance but Thomson and he is acting Sec. Store Keeper & Physician that our books must be behind hand. However had the Vessel been one week later, I should have been ready for her. I accordingly regret this circumstance, as your not sending me any trade goods by the Bourine seems to imply that you consider me as already well supplied or rather it seems to say that it is impossible that I could be otherwise. Having so often been told that I shall be so abundantly supplied (always) that drafts would never be necessary. As it regards the expenditure of your shipments, I can only say (what I have often said before) that I have done my best to make them go as far as possible, and you must take my word for it, until I am able to supply you with other evidence. But when you reflect that I have been obliged to supply one hundred colonists the past year with food, clothing, and the many other necessary articles of household use & tools, you will not I trust feel very uneasy at the amount expended.

I felt somewhat chagrined that no articles of comfort & necessity should have been sent me by the last expedition. The more so as I had uniformly refused to purchase many things of which I really stood in absolute want. Still when in health I could get along. I had not used a pound of flour for more than three months previous to my illness, my bread was of rice solely. But when I became very ill, I was dependent upon the charity of Mr. Wilson to save life. I had been without flour, butter, cheese, Porter & the like necessary articles for an African invalid at least more than three months. These things you all must be sensible must be sent out. They must be had at any rate, and I assure you they come very high on the Coast. I have determined upon one thing, and that is not to want for them again if drafts will supply me. I also much regret that many articles which I put in my list of April 16: were not sent, such as suitable cloth for Colonists wear, either of tow, cotton or hemp

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C. Foreign Letter Books

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