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Rev. Saml. M. Hamilton
Corresponding Sec. M.S.C.S. Soc.

Dear Sir, As you are about visiting Cape Palmas, I deem it mainly that you should attend somewhat to the affairs of the Society there. The condition of the Country is such that our relations to that Settlement I fear must be materially changed, in fact is so at present. We have found it impossible for want of funds to be sending Supplies & to protect in accordance of the Equity & Physicians Salaries - I fear we shall have to suspend the action of the Equity altogether, or materially modify their relations to the Society - What is best to be done I can hardly say, but will suggest, some arrangement whereby the Physician may be paid in proportion to services rendered, in rice imports - or a fixed reduced Salary payable quarterly of 400$ per annum. This I hope we might manage to pay - As to the Agent, Mr Gibson now occupies our warehouse for his store & place of trade - I would suggest that some arrangement might be made with him to allow a rent for the use of the Store, or take Merchandise on Storage if offered. & also to receive a Salary proportionate to his services. We have merely supply rice imports for six months & most of the goods for imports are there awaiting a chance upon us, therefore there seems little to do - As Mr Gibson is somewhat extensively engaged in business for himself very likely you might be better able to make an satisfactory arrangement with some other responsible person - I would suggest Jno. Thomson - I have advised both Dr Hotchkiss & Mr Gibson of the patient on their Ofs, but hope you to get funds from the State to pay them up & Gen. Wolf - of which I will advise them by boat of ship - In the mean time you will make such arrangements as you shall think most to secure to the interests of the Society, having special reference to a Spring & Summer - The Board have not yet entered on this generally but is kindly affected of some plan of this kind -

Very truly & respectfully Yours

Samuel Wilde Secy. Agt. M.S.C.S.

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