the Surgeon, Provisions, Medicine & Medical attendance, covered by the Physician's salary, nursing, various condiments necessary in acclimation — and added to these, minor incidentals almost innumerable which cannot well be avoided — also the salaries of Agents in the different settlements. A mere estimate of the actual consumption of provisions will at once shew you, that $35 cannot cover all. We always send 1 lb of salt provisions for each emigrant, say 200 lb, or a portion 1 lb per day, & the average cost of this is about $15. Then we calculate near the same quantity of bread stuff, beside what we expect to buy in Liberia, say, double the quantity or wd. be average cost about $12 — certainly this, counting the freight on the bulk of 2 lb only. Now add to this actual cash cost of $27, butter, cheese, sugar, molasses, tea, coffee & the various small items always required, & the provisioning of the emigrants alone, will come but too near, if not exceed $35. Or say, only 20 cts per day for food, the lowest amt that will keep soul & body together, any where, for six months or 183 days will amt to $36.60. I am sure my figures are nearly correct, so I leave you to estimate the profits of the A.C.S.

Our division line between adults & children used to be 10 yrs, but the Act of Congress makes it 8, & as the Officer of Customs is governed by that we must be.

I have extended this letter beyond what I intended to when I commenced, & do not know that I have made it quite clear & convincing to you, but I would not take it upon me to say what the Society is bound to do for emigrants, for $100 per head, & I marvel the question can be seriously raised.

I send the No of our Journal that you require

Very truly & respectfully Yrs.
James Hall
Per H. M. Hanson

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