APPENDIX.

DESPATCHES FROM CAPE PALMAS.

Extract from Gov. Russwurm's *letter to the President of the Maryland State Colonization Society.*

Agency House, *Cape Palmas, September* 27, 1840.

Dear Sir,—I had the honour of addressing you last by brig Cipher, Capt. Dailey, via Cape Coast, (July 26,) since which date nothing of interest has occurred.

As predicted, our rice crops will probably fall short 33 per cent. at the least calculation. I am not disturbed, however, on this account, as the overplus of last year's rice on hand, among the natives, must still be considerable. You will see by the inventory that the number of croos on hand, July 1st, was 2000.

The palm oil season is now over, and our boat 'Doctor' is now engaged in buying camwood at Tabou, Roboukah and Bassa; but she is too small to stem the current to the leeward of the Cape, which is often running three miles to the hour. The 'Doctor' on this account has been absent nearly three weeks on her second trip, which ought to have been performed in ten days, as the distance is not over 60 miles.

Since my last, I have purchased from the English schooner Gil Blas, trade goods to the amount of $492 65, to be paid for in oil at 33½ cents a gallon, and camwood at 60 dollars per ton. Also, from brig Atalanta, of Philadelphia, supplies for store and officers, 450 dollars, to be paid for also in oil at 42 cents, including casks—the oil for which amounts, with 200 dollars camwood, is now in store waiting the return of both vessels. All this has been collected by the 'Doctor;' and thus we have been supplied partially with goods without drawing on the Society.

I believe I advised you sometime ago, that the warehouse was breaking down on account of the great quantity of rice on hand. I have since erected a wooden house, 24 by 32 feet, which is now being shut in, for rice and palm oil, with a small counting-room, for masters of vessels to transact their business in, as we have no commission merchant. Dr. Hall was consulted, and agreed that the Rock store was too small for present accommodation. In fact there was a necessity, as the two girders are rotten at one end. Could not iron tanks be procured to put palm oil in? At present we are in great want of casks *and hoop iron*. Sperm oil casks shocked up, are much the best—most others are unfit.

I hope that Mr. McGill's visit will prove so satisfactory to the Board and coloured people, that he will be able to return here about Christmas, with a full expedition of fall supplies for your store. Your agent and colonists look for both, and will feel disappointed without them. The progress of all building, at present, is at a stand for want of nails, and I hope 25 kegs will be the least quantity sent out. We want 5, 6, 8 and 10*d*. and none larger. The

missionaries are also out. I have to beg for 20 oz. *Quinine*, at least, to be sent out with the medicines. We have long been out, and dependent on the charity of others. Our apothecary shop is quite bare, and as most of the colonists require medicine for the least ailment, you can have but a faint idea of the quantity consumed. They take medicines through pure love, I verily believe.

You will be pleased to hear that the Barraca palaver is in a fair train of adjustment, as they have lately sent in a flag of truce with a petition to be allowed to send in 'proper men' to talk and settle the palaver. They complain bitterly of the scarcity of tobacco, iron, cloth, &c. since the non-intercourse. They are a wild looking set.

We have had no rain for the last four months, and consequently but little has been done in the farming line; but we indulge the hope that the gentle showers which generally descend about this time, annually, will soon clothe the ground in nature's carpet of liveliest green, and instil new life into every thing which the hand of industry shall sow or plant. While other colonies have been troubled with wars and rumors thereof, our course has been a silent and peaceful one, and our trust is, that the same overruling Providence which has protected Maryland in Liberia from its foundation, will still be our panoply in our course onward.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

John B. Russwurm,
Agent Maryland State Colonization Society.

Letter from Samuel F. McGill *to* J. H. B. Latrobe, *Esq.*

Harper, *September* 26, 1840.

Hon'd Sir,—We dwell in hourly expectation of an opportunity for forwarding letters to the United States, and prepare this under the hope that we may not be disappointed.

My last bore date June 6. At that time communications from the colony were so full and explicit, accompanied by the verbal report of an officer of the colony, that there now remains but little to apprise you of, in the way of addition.

With the single exception of a slight retardation in agricultural affairs, arising from a protracted drought, the prospects of the settlement are quite cheering.

It is with pleasure I am enabled to announce a state of perfect healthiness in the colony. Since June last, we have had no deaths; indeed, I do not know that there ever has been a more healthy period than the present.

You will perhaps be equally gratified to learn that the colonists generally display the highest possible degree of contentment and satisfaction. Clamorous individuals have been quieted, and the poor assisted. Even crime, always difficult of suppression, has hidden its unseemly face, our courts for the last three sessions having had no business to transact. Every one seems fully convinced that the principal object of their governor, is to promote the happiness and permanent good of the community, and that a corresponding action on their part is all that is requisite to place our settlement at the head of all similar establishments on the coast.

Unanimity of feeling and harmonious action are the characteristics of the day. In every department this play of the kindest and most exalted feelings that can exist in a community, is felt, giving a cheering ray of hope to those who feel a paramount interest in the stability of our young and interesting republic.

I have again handed Mr. Russwurm a list of medicines now wanting in the colony, with only slight differences from the one sent by the Trafalgar. My receiving medicines but once a year, renders it necessary that the quantities should be larger than heretofore.

I have also to request that I may be supplied with Paxton's Anatomy with plates, for the use of a young man (named Fletcher) who commenced the

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