LIBERIA HERALD.

MONROVIA LIBERIA, APRIL 27, 1849

On the 28th, ult: the troops returned from the expedition against New Cesters. The fullest success crown their labours. The natives had prepared to give them a warm reception, and animated by the presence and assistance of the Spaniards, one of whom led on the savage horde, they had calculated on an easy victory. The amount of property destroyed cannot be known, but it is supposed to be large. The Spaniard at New Cesters applied the torch to his own establishment and retired into the bush. The troops brought up two Spaniards, and Thirty or Thirty five slaves.

Both men and officers, speak in the highest terms of the politeness and kind attention of the commander, officers, and crew of the French steamer "Espon."

Departed this life on the 13th. of February last, Mr. John Lewis, aged 40 years.

Mr. Lewis was a native of Virginia, but the last nineteen years of his life he resided in Philadelphia, whence he removed to this place. He arrived here in the Liberia Packet, on the sixteenth of November last.

Mr. Lewis. during his residence in Philadelphia imbibed the spirit of the party, technically called, Abolitionists. But he was a consistent one, and therefore did not oppose African colonization, or voluntary emigration to *Africa*. He stood high among his class in America, and was foremost in all the plans adopted for the elevation of his race, and for securing to them the rights and privileges of men. He was without the advanatages of early education, but by study, close application and perseverance, he in the face of many obstacles, acquired ability to express his ideas with clearness, distinctness and force; and when warmed by an interesting subject, would sometimes rise to eloquence. Immediately on the declaration of the Independence of the Republic of Liberia, every lingering doubt of the success, and ultimate objects of the colony vanished from his mind, and he resolved at once to cast in his lot with his brethren, and seek in Liberia the boon which his native land denied him. He arrived here with all the ardent feelings of a man, who has at length, after years of anxious search and expectation attained the summit of his wishes, and he yielded to the bouyance of his feelings. Liberia presented an appropriate field for him. Here, objects of his aspiration, between him and which in America, insuperable barrier interposed, offered themselves to his efforts. He was of an active mind, and ever suggesting imporvements in existing institutions, or proposing the adoption of some which had been neglected before. But he was no theorist in the common acceptation of the term. His proposed schemes were not only plausible but practicable, and commended themselves to the common sense of those who considered them. Mr. Lewis fell a martyr to his ardent feelings, which led him into exposures and imprudent exertions too severe for an unacclimated constitution. We know of no man of so short a residence in the place, who has formed so large a circle of acquaintance, nor one whose death was more sincerely and generally lamently. Great expectations had been formed of his future usefulness, and the opinion was general that he would become not only an ornament, but a pillar of the colony. Mr. Lewis never made a profession of religion. But such was the uprightness and morality of his life—his patience and quietness, that those who had no intimate acquaintance with him, would have supposed him a christian. He bore his illness with a cheerfullness truly astonishing, and retained his mental faculties in full exercise to almost the last moment of life.

The English have been paying off our Vey neighbours. Some four or five towns have been burned, and some Englishmen have lost their lives. The blockade at the Gallenas is vigorously kept up.

Bah-Gay, the nominal chief of Bassa, has paid the debt of nature. His Majesty died a few weeks since, of the disease with which he has been long afflicted. He was one of the two surviving chiefs that belonged to the Confederacy against the colony in 1822. So anxious was he to share in the plander which it was supposed the fallen colony would afford, that in opposition to the orders of his master, King Bassa, a tried friend of the Americans, he started secretly at the head of sixty armed men and united in the attack on the settlement on the 2nd December, 1822.

His Majesty was a *mysterious* man, and for that reason was not to be relied on. We do not say he was "faithless," for that would be an avowal of a comprehension of his character. He was not to be relied on simply because he could not be understood. He was never known to comply with an agreement—but by a wonderful felicity was always ready to justify his failure, by, allegation of ignoranee or misunderstanding on the one side or the other.

The Baptist Church at New Georgia is making affort to furnish the meeting house with a bell. They are making collections among themselves, and we have no doubt, will do all in their power, but they will not be able to raise, without the aid of others, a sufficient amount to pay for a suitable bell. Who will help? The church is composed almost wholly of native *Africans*, and on that account has great claim upon public charity. Donations or subscriptions will be received for the purpose, at this office, and by Deacon Walburg at New Georgia.

COMMUNICATIONS.

For the Liberia Herald.,

Messrs Editors:—Sirs, it is as clear as day that Liberia's declining fortunes are re-revived. A brief synopsis of the opperations of the extra session of the legislature. The members of both Houses assembled in the Senate Chamber, in which an elaborate message, containing much of the interchange, manner and matter, accruing to Liberia's recognition, and the establishment of a treaty of perpetual amity and commerce, was read.

The affable grace shown to Africa's free-soil Functionary, by the Crown Nobles and gentry of the Old Anglo-Saxon Relm, was imitated by similar orders, and their representatives of other governments. With sentimental gratitude, he reiterated the kind offices received at their hands. Some noble Lords he particularized and named. Throughout his tour, however, the dignity and courtesy of attention, was not unbecoming his office.—The message intimated the necessity of borrowing a few more thousand dollars from our own citizens, to give potency to the government, and character to the bills now in circulation, until the judicious measures existing, shall have matured. Which can scracely fail to put into the fiscal treasury from 30 to 50 000 dollars per annum.

Therefore let every merchant lend a helping hand and willing heart to the policy.—The message informed the Senate of the purchase in England of a cargo of mononly goods, hourly expected. On which goods the President paid £250 or $1200 out of his private pocket:—the re-payment of which sum the legislature voted &c. &c. &c. The Senate ratified the liberal treaty with England, and, *in part*, the codnitions with the U. S. C. Society. But the other treaties hourly anticipated, have not come to hand.—The Senate after a week's session, adjourned *sinedie*, to head an expedition against a slaving factoin at New Cess. Our army, after 24 days has returned victorious with the more iniquitous hostages (for the principal timely escaped), and trophies taken but destroyed with one exception. In the path of our brave army our borders were extricated from such harpies and dissentors to obey the mandates of our laws.

The French Steamer Espardon, Capt. Villems, rendered eminent good to our army, every opportunity during the campaign.

Our officers and citizens, with as conspicuously eminent gratitude, in their immortal spirits to him officers sustained the expense of a sumptuous dinner taken on the 31st: of March, at the President's new private mansion, as the most happy requital at present in our power.

Yours Respecfully,

E. J. ROYE

Monrovia, 3rd: April 1849.

For the Liberia Herald.

Proceedings of a Meeting held on board of the Liberia Packet, by the Emigrants while on their way from the United States to the Republic of Liberia in March 1849.

Messrs Editors:—Permit us to notice on board of the barque Liberia Packet, a meeting held by the emigrants to tender their thanks to the Revds. Messrs Rambo and Hoffman, Missionaries to Africa.

On Motion of Mr. Burton of N. Y. that Dr. Baker of Va: be called to the Chair; carried.

The Dr. on taking the Chair, made a very appropriate speech.

On Motion of Mr. Ballandine, Va: that J. B. Philips, Esqr. of South Carolina, be requested to act as Secretary; carried.

On Motion of Mr. W. M. Butler. D. C. that Messrs Adams, Va. Burton, Penn. Hooper N. Ca: State, be appointed Vice Presidents of this meeting by the Chair; adopted.

On Motion of Mr. Ballandine, that a committee of four be appointed to draw up a preamble and rules of resolution pursuant to the call of the meeting; carried.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen, Ballandine Chairman, Butler, D. C. Burton, Penn. Degrase, N. Y. The Committee took a recess of half an hour. During their recess several gentlemen addressed the meeting. Lapse of recess, the committee presented the preamble and resolutions.

On Motion of Mr. Jordan, Va. that it be accepted, and the committee be discharged; carried.

On Motion of Mr. Philips, S. C. that a committee of three be appointed to wait of the Revds: Messrs Rambo and Hoffman, and inform them of the action of this meeting; carried.

On *Motion* of Mr. Jorban Va, the meeting adjourn to re-convene after prayer.

Pursuant to Mr. Jordan, Va. motion, re-assembled after prayer, on the quarter deck: Mr. Philips presented the preamble and resolutions, pronounced an appropriate impromtu, to which the Rev. Mr. Hoffman eloquently reponded.

On Motion of Butler, Esqr. that a committee of one be appointed to meet the said gentlemen. The Chair appointed J. B. Philips of S. Carolina.

The Chair appointed Messrs Ballandine, Va. Burton, Penn. Hanks, Va. after an absence of five minutes returned and reported that the Rev. gentlemen would meet the same after evening prayer; committee discharged.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, it becomes a people to acknowledge the sovereignty and goodness of Almighty God, at all times:—Therefore, as emigrants to the Republic of Liberia, to manifest our manifold feelings, by tendering our sincere thanks to the ministerial tenants of the Most High:—Therefore, Rev. sir, as an appreciation of your untiring efforts and sincere devotion, to the call of religion, on board of the Liberia Packet, we bid you God speed. The following resolution embodies the spontaneous sentiments of the emigrants; to wit:

Resolved—That as a testimony of our high respect for the christian-like politeness of the Rev. Messrs Rambo and Hoffman, on our voyage to the Republic of Liberia, we do tender our heart-felt thanks for their ministerial efforts to propagate the divine truth of salvation and redemption on board, and the rich reward of an imperishable inheritance.

Resolved.—That in consideration of other services profered to us by you sirs, and separating, we most cordially extend you the hand of fellowship, and sincerely hope that your labors have not been in vain for the advancement of God's kingdom on board, and that they will not be on that continent where we are destined to.

Resolved—That we cannot take leave of you, Revd sirs. without invoking the mighty arm of Jehovah to shield, defend and protect you through life; and when you have finished your course, give you a seat at the right hand of God: your names enrolled in the Lamb's book of life:—your posterity become pillars of religion and heralds of salvation.

On Motion of Mr. W. Gross, Md. that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Liberia Herald, and the Editors of papers in the U. States of America, will please copy and publish the same, and also the letter of Messrs Rambo and Hoffman, with an amendment by Mr. Ballindine, in the Maryland African Repository; carried, viva voce.

By order of the meeting.

E. W. BAKER, of Richmond, Va:
President.

H. B. BALLINDIN of Richmond Va:
JAMES BURTON of Philadelphia, Penn.
CHARLES STAKRS, of Via.
JESSE DEGRASS, of N. Y.
Secretary.

J. B. PHILIPS, Charleston, S. C.

THE REPLY.

Liberia Packet, April 4th, 1849.

Gentlemen, the undersigned having received from the gentlemen on board the Liberia Packet, a communication through you, expressing their gratitude to God for their prosperous voyage, and their thanks to them for their ministerial labors, also assuring them of their best wishes, and invoking God's blessing on their future labors.—would in acknowledging the receipt of the communication, assure them that it is a sourse of much pleasure to find that their efforts for their good, have been acceptable.

In the land to which God has so speedily brought them, they wish them ease and happiness, and all the blessings comprehended under the name of liberty; they would hope that following the *Holy Word* which God's ministers have been riviledged to unfold to them, they may *secure* to themselves earthly happiness. extend the Redeemer's Kingdom among the benighted millions in their new home, and themselves be made partakers of the kingdom of Heaven.

With respect and christian affections,
Your Servants in the Gospel,

C. COLDEN HOFFMAN,
J RAMBO.

To
E. W. BAKER, M. D. Chairman,
W. B BALLINTIEN, } Vice Presidents.
CHARLES STARKS, }
JAMES BURTON, }
MARSHALL HOOPER, }
J. B. PHILIPS, Secty.

The following is an extract of a letter from one of the most respectable Mercantile houses in New York, to gentleman in Monrovia dated 15th, February, 1849.

We have been glad to see the kind manner in which your President was received in Europe, but hope you will not let those flattering attentions weaken your sympathies with this country. The colonzation cause here is looking up, and I think many of your people of the very first class will go out as permanent settlers.

U. S. Ship York Town
Monrovia, April 11th: 1849.

To the officers of the U. S. Navy.

Gentlemen:—During our stay in Monrovia, we have frequently dined at the house of Mr. G. R. Ellis, and would recommend it to all who may visit the shore, as one of the most comfortable places in the town to lounge, lunch or dine.

The house is new, neatly kept, and one of the largest in the town, and occupies a cool and airy situation. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are indefatigable in their efforts to contribute to the comfort of their guests.

Respectfully Yours, &c.

T. M. POTTER,
Passd. Asst. Surg U. S. Navy.
JAMES A. SEMPLE,
Purser U. S Navy.
WM. H. PARKER
Acting Master.
EDWARD A. SELDEN,
Master; Mate of Spirit room.
D. COLEMAN,
Passed Midshipman.
JOSEPH TYFFE,
Midshipman.

OBITUARY.

In writing the following notice, the undersigned was prompted alike by the warm feelings of respect for the deceased, and by the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Wilson, and it was inserted in the Luminary as the more proper vehicle for its publication. Owing to some circumstance—probably to the illegibility of the copy it appears there, with so many errors, that it has been thought best to insert it here in a corrected form.

H. TEAGE.

Mr. Editor;—We have been recently, frequently and forcibly reminded of the solemn truth that in the "midst of life we are in death." The awful messenger has read his lesson in tones, calculated to startle the dullest ear and thrill the most insensate heart. Scarcely has the sound of the bell proclaiming the departure of one pilgrim, died upon the ear, when its solemn voice was again heard announcing the departure of another. Happy indeed is he, who in the sound of the solemn knell hears the admonition of the Son of Man "What I say unto one I say unto all—watch! Thrice happy he, who not only hears, but is also incited to stand, with "his lamp trimmed and his loins girt about," ready to "meet the bridegroom at his coming."

These thoughts have been suggested by the fearfully rapid strokes which death has been recently commissioned to deal out in our midst. For a moment the archer seemed to suspend his work, and we, were fondly hugging our remaining friends to our bosoms, when suddenly an arrow flew, and Johnson fell!

Rev. Elijah Johnson departed this life, at White Plains—a station of the M. E. Mission on Friday 23rd March.

In announcing the death of Mr. Johnson, and referring to his manner of life, I am at a loss how to express adequately in the brief space to which I must confine myself, either his intrinsic worth as a Christian-citizen or the high sense entertained of him, by one, and all of this community.

Mr. Johnson was one of the pioneers in the enterprize of America-African Colonization. He came out in 1820 in the ship Elizabeth—the May-Flower of Liberia, and was among the ill-fated ones who were thrown out upon the deadly swamps of Sherbro. It was in the order of divine Providence that he should survive and enjoy commparatively good health, to animate by his habitually lively disposition and irrepressible activity, the languid few, who were spared from the pestilential influence of the place. And perhaps it was to his sagacity and constancy more than to any thing else, or to any other man, that a vestige of the colony remained. when in 1821 the Nautilus arrived at Sierra Leone.

Mr. Johnson removed to this place in 1822 with the shattered remains of the two expeditions. The agents of the society in charge of affairs were not long in discovering his worth, and he was soon appointed to offices of responsibility in the colony. He was almost wholly destitute of education; but he possessed good natural abilities; to which, by careful observation and close attention, he added more than an ordinary acquaintance with human character. In illustration of this I will mention an incident which occurred a few days before the battle of the 11th of November. A Palaver was held on Cary's Island between the chiefs of the country, and the colony—Messrs J. Ashmun, F. James and E. Johnson acting in behalf of the colony. The chiefs were un-appeasable by any talk or professions of amity and friendship. Anxious to prevent an open rupture, for which the settlement at that time was very poor

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