pendent. Access to the ocean would be open; and the artillery—consisting of one six-pounder, on two wheels, which was a part of the outfit in the Ann—if planted on the central eminence which commanded the native town, would give Dr. Hall an advantage which King Freeman fully appreciated afterwards. Nor was it long before the wisdom of the selection was made apparent.

On the 16th of April, 1834, the emigrants had recovered from the acclimating fever without loss, and on the 2nd of June all the town lots but one were cleared, fenced and planted. A large kitchen and rice house, twenty-four feet by sixteen, one and a-half stories high, had been built of African materials except flooring plank and doors. Also a stockade fort and jail, and a native house seventy-two feet by sixteen, for the reception of new emigrants, and two others of half that length each. The colonists had erected twelve framed houses, and four were already shingled and occupied; all were to be completed within a month; and two stone buildings, one of them two stories in height, were going up." In a word, things were already assuming the appearance of a settlement of civilized men.

On the 20th of June, Dr. Hall issued a proclamation setting apart the 4th of July, 1834, as a

day of public thanksgiving and prayer, concluding, after an enumeration of the many reasons for thankfulness, thus:

"Being thoroughly impressed with a deep sense of favor so signally bestowed upon us by the great Disposer of Events, I do hereby appoint Friday, the fourth of July next, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, and I do request that all the inhabitants of this colony will, on that day, cease from any unnecessary labor; and that they will assemble at our usual place of public worship and there join in rendering fervent thanks to Almighty God for His abundant mercies and special favor bestowed upon us individually and as a community; that we repent of our numerous offences according to his revealed law and the dictates of our own consciences; that we earnestly supplicate a continuance of His guardian care and providence, and that he may so endow us with His Divine influence that our doings may be acceptable to Him, beneficial to ourselves as individuals, and alike honorable and profitable as members of this infant republic.

"Done at Cape Palmas this 20th day of June, 1834.

"JAMES HALL, *Governor*."

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