

factory to them, though perhaps small when the ultimate and probable importance of the settlement was considered. The kings reserved to their people the use of their villages and fields, and stipulated, that within a year a free public school should be established in each of the principal towns. The deed of cession is dated on the 13th February, 1834, and is signed by Parmah, king of Cape Palmas—Weah Boleo, king of Grahway—and Baphro, king of Grand Cavally.

As soon as the purchase was completed, Dr. Hall, admonished of the necessity of speedy operations, by the approach of the rainy season, commenced discharging the brig, clearing the land on the Cape where he proposed to lay out his town, and erecting shelters for his people. As soon as practicable, the vessel was sent back to Monrovia and Bassa, for the families of the recruits from those places, and by the time she returned,—so actively had the work been pursued,—a shelter was provided for all the settlers. The discharge of the brig was completed, and on the 19th March she sailed on her return. The Board had sent out the frame and materials of an agency house, which was now erected, and in less than a month after the first landing, the settlement began to wear the appearance of a compact and comfortable village. Messrs. Wilson and Wynkoop, after remaining at the Cape long enough to become acquainted, and highly pleased, with its situation and its fitness for missionary labours, then returned to Monrovia, and from thence to this country. Mr. Hersey, after aiding Doctor Hall in the arduous duties of the first landing, and attending to the erection of the agency house, also left the Cape and came to the United States. Before his departure, he erected a meeting house of the Methodist denomination, the first temple to the Almighty that rose upon the territory of the society.

Dr. Hall now found himself with about eighty persons of all ages—a mere handful of men among the thousands around him—and set himself to work to get them established on their own lots and fortifications erected for their defence. At the date of the last advices, August 17th, 1834, he had built a fort, which fully commanded the native town of Cape Palmas, and two small towns on the beach—as well as the landing place;—and thirty-seven lots were occupied. The gardens