

From the moment of our embarkation from our native land, until the present, we have experienced but one uninterrupted series of prosperous events. When on the mighty deep, He caused the storm to cease, and the waves thereof to be still, and timely brought us to the haven where we would be. He so disposed the hearts of the heathen that they kindly welcomed us to their delightful shores, and granted us their soil as our home forever. The season has been uncommonly favorable to the prosecution of our designs. The early rains have been deferred until we are well prepared for their approach. The earth has yielded a quick and needful reward to the labors of the husbandman. The pestilence, which has ever begirt this coast as a wall of fire, has passed lightly over us, and claimed but a solitary victim; cheerfulness and contentment reign throughout our little settlement; peace rests upon our borders.

Being therefore impressed with a deep sense of favors so signally bestowed upon us, by the Great Disposer of events, I do hereby appoint Friday, the 4th day 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 shall assemble at our usual place of public worship, and there join in rendering fervent thanks to Almighty God, for his abundant mercies, and special favors bestowed upon us individually, and as a community:—that we repent us of our numerous offences, counter to His revealed law, and to 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 all our doings may be acceptable to Him, beneficial to ourselves as individuals, and alike honorable and patriotic as members of this infant republic.

Done at Cape Palmas, this twentieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

(Signed,) JAMES HALL, *Governor.*

(Subsequent advices to the 17th August, bring equally satisfactory intelligence.)

COPY OF A LETTER FROM REV. R. R. GURLEY, SEC. AM. COL. SOC'Y.

*Washington, Jan. 7, 1835.*

DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your very friendly favor, enclosing an interesting paper relating to your promising colony at Cape Palmas, as well as the valuable maps describing your settlement, and the coast and country in its vicinity.

You may rest assured that the Managers of the American Colonization Society feel a deep concern for the success of all efforts to plant civilization and christianity on the African coast, and that they rejoice in the encouraging prospects of your institution. We shall be happy to cultivate a friendly correspondence at all times, and I shall have the honor of submitting your late communication to our Board at its next meeting.

Believe me with true respect,

Your obed't serv't,

R. R. GURLEY.

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