Department of State
Monmuri Jan'y 15, 1885

Sir,

I have the honour as well as regret to inform you that in consequence of a fit of illness with which His Excellency Anthony D. Garstner was seized some weeks ago totally disabling him from official duties he has this day resigned the position of President of this Republic.

The Honorable Vice President Alfred P. Russell will now assume the office of President to the close of the term.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Hon. Leopold Marrance
Consul General for Liberia
Paris
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Aug. 9, 1863

Hon. L. Carrance
Consul General for Liberia,
Paris

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your several despatches, together with that of July 31st enclosing a draft for $600, and to thank you for the same.

I am glad to learn that Mr. Verdier has been received by the Government and is permitted to enter upon the exercise of the functions of his office.

Your despatches of June 18th were duly received, and the valuable information therein contained has been fully noted. And I now have the honor to convey to your appreciation as well as the thanks of the Government for the active part you will take at the war office to make the Republic of Liberia known.

The Government highly appreciates the new token of sympathy on the part of the French Republic toward this that is referred to in your despatches of June, and hopes that the friendly relations may be strengthened and perpetuated.

Referring to your suggestions that some diploma of the Order of African Redemption be sent you to be conferred on certain persons, I have to say that since the retirement of Mr. President Jayne, it has been concluded by the Government to confer the Order only in special cases where indi-
Learning to walk and learn to
the want of time and he would do
in the information as was made
and other numerous facts.
1872. Unmodified accounts
I was told to consult my
unmodified. He had consulted
and was not heard.

Wilhelm to whom I was
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Indians have rendered valuable service to Liberia or Africa, in which case the services rendered must be
recorded, and the application have the endorsement of the Liberian Consul
General of the country of which the applicant is a citizen. This
safeguard is deemed to be necessary for the welfare of the Order.

If as Consul General you see fit to send the name of any person or persons who have rendered service on the
above named, with your endorsement I shall be at liberty to forward you the required diploma. I
need observe that under these new conditions very few are issued, only those outside of the Republic
this year.

Your recommendation in favor of Eugène Laurent, Esq., as Consul
for Liberia at Belfort approved, and I herewith enclose a compta
tion for him and another blank one in case you have need for
it.

With renewed assurance of high esteem I have the honor to be

Yours obediently

[Signature]
Department of State Department of State
September 3, 1853

Sir,

Your despatch of June 21st last came to hand with a copy of a communication from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, tendering his and the congratulations of the French Government to Hon. Alfred Russell on his being raised to the dignity of President of the Republic.

You will take an early occasion to assure the Government of that Republic of the appreciation with which this new token of sympathy towards Liberia is received by President Russell, and that it will be his cherished object during his administration to strengthen and perpetuate the friendly relations subsisting between France and this State.

The President observes with very deep interest the operation of the French Government referred to in your despatch, in preparing maps and a history of Western Africa, and is pleased to know that you have, on behalf of this Republic, been able to furnish time assistance to the gentlemen entrusted with the work, especially that the map of Liberia constructed at the instance of this Government by Hon. Benjamin Anderson meets the approval of the War Office, and is taken as the basis of the work in connection with this portion of the coast.
The Government highly approves of your course in endeavoring to afford to those engaged in this important enterprise the most accurate and complete information touching the part of the coast, as the Republic cannot avoid being deeply concerned in all efforts put forth by the Christian Nations of Europe and America for the advancement of Africa. Nor can it be doubted for a moment that in view of the closely connected colonial interests of France and Great Britain with the African Republic, there ought to be some definite agreement with regard to a coast policy and boundaries, that would facilitate the objects that all the Governments have in view, and at the same time prevent the occurrence of anything that would tend in the least degree to strain the friendly relations between them.

I am

[Signature]
Flavres le 5 janvier 1884,

Messieurs Le Conseil Général

Je suis toujours dans l'attente d'une réponse au sujet de ma demande à son Excellence G. H. Gibeaux, en date du 14 Mars 1882.

Je demande annuellement, comme président de la société des voyageurs à Flavres, une somme de 2500 francs, si le gouvernement de l'Afrique me donnerait une somme de 2500 francs, et je serai enstoi accordé à ce sujet d'une pareille somme, je pourrai toujours tant pour mes besoins que pour l'intérêt de la République de l'Afrique.

J'ai l'honneur de vous remercier, avec MM. Flavres, et cela depuis l'interminable que j'ai eu l'honneur d'avoir eu MM. les agents de Flavres.

Veuillez agréer, M. le Conseil Général, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

[Signature]

Decker, président de la Société des voyageurs à Flavres.
Monseur Léopold Carranoé, Consul Général chargé d'affaires de la République de Libéria pour la France, à Paris, nous communique l'avis suivant que nous avons emprunté la carte à la Connaissance du public.

« La législature de la République de Libéria, en session ordinaire de 1987, par acte apprové à date du 18 janvier 1887, a proclamé la décision suivante : »

la Ville de Nifou, dans le Comté de Simon, est déclarée à partir immédiatement à l'importation et à l'exportation pour le commerce intérieur et celui de l'étranger, et comme tel, soumis à toutes les lois et réglementations qui régissent les autres ports d'importation et d'exportation de la République de Libéria. »

Paris le 16 mars 1887.
Paris, le 11 Mai 1881

Monsieur le Consul de Libéria
Bordeaux

Je vous adresse à vous, monsieur,
par l'office de M. Villetet, car qu'il se présente à moi avec une carte de votre consulat, sur laquelle il m'a dit que comme Cazeneuve, bureau n° 1, rue de Moncey n° 6.

Grâce à cette qualité, je lui ai laissé du temps pour lequel il m'a accepté une traite qui n'a pas été séchée à l'heure, et le protocole a été signé qu'il suivra l'occasion au hasard de la face.

Le fait de s'être donné une fausse qualité, J'aurais été obligé de le relever, et vous auriez assuré à vous, un devoir de l'amitié, et je vous en a revolté un devoir, un devoir, un devoir.

Vous comprendrez l'importance que j'accorde à ces circonstances, je vous prie d'agencer mouvemen
de l'office des armées de mon faux ministre, distinguer.
Monsieur le Général de La Roche.

Si vous avez une occasion, je vous donnerai

Davantage de détails sur les intérêts de

Cet arrêté.

Nous vous prie de croire, etc.

Commissaire
Department of State.

Monrovia, October 25th, 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, dated 25th July 1854.

I had previous to the receipt of your undated despatch of August 18th last, written you, and sent you a copy of the Statutes of Liberia, especially calling your attention to that part of our national Constitution that forbids the purchasing or leasing of the Public Domain from the aborigines, or other citizens of the Republic. I hope as this has been received, and has proved satisfactory to the French Government, in relation to the lease of a portion of our lands by that French Trading Company, formed out of our aborigines.

I agree with you in the hope that "The Agent of the Dimgul & West Coast of Africa Company will be blamed and will have henceforth no desire to begin again."

I have to thank you for the list of consuls in France. I am surprised to find the list so small, but readily believe that it is owing to the fact that, as you state, you only seek men of a high standing and devoted to your (my) country for the consular office.

Hon. J. Leopold Escarce
Liberian Senator General

Paris, France.
3. I have to thank you for your timely information as to the intended exhibition to be held in Paris during the year 1859. I hope my country may be able to be an exhibitor there; I hope our legislature will make timely provisions for our exhibiting.

4. Hoping to hear soon that the matter of the lease, said to have been made by the Agent of the Senegal West Coast of Africa Co. has been settled in our favor, by the French Government declaring said lease to be void and illegal, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Department of State.
Montrovia. August 18th, 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatches, marked No. 1 and No. 2, and dated 27th June 1854, and conveying a copy of the official letter of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Government.

In reply I beg to assure you that His Excellency the President is highly gratified to learn that there is a prospect of a speedy and satisfactory conclusion of that unpleasant interference of the agent of the Senegal and West Coast of Africa Trading Company with our territorial rights.

I have pleasure in forwarding to you, by this mail, a copy of a new compilation containing our national Constitution, and the laws passed by our legislative arms prior to the year 1853. The 14th Section of Article 1 of our Constitution, as found on the 53rd page of the volume sent, forbids the purchase of lands by our citizens or any individuals from the aborigines. All purchases of lands, or leases of lands, must first be obtained from the Government, who has the right of eminent domain on all lands within.

Your obedient servant,

Lebanon Consul General,

Paris, France.
within our territory, to the Government of France, I am sure holds this doctrine with regard to its territory, it will the more readily concede the same to us.

11. As to the purchase of a small war vessel, I will not now mention or propose terms of purchase; but my object in writing you on the subject was to ascertain if such a vessel could be obtained on reasonable conditions, so that we might lay the matter before the next legislature, if necessary, and act for special legislation on the subject.

I note what you say, concerning the Equitable, and Order of Civil and Military annuities; but I have not yet seen the Statute you sent to my predecessor, Mr. Gibson. Your reasons, as to the mistakes made in the distribution of the order of African Redemption, which I have to admit are quite correct, make me hesitate in recommending the creation of a new Order by my Government, at least for the present.

6. I have considered what you say about "Certificates of Conspicuous" signed in blank. I think the Government fails to see the advisability of such a course. While we have every confidence in your good sense and sound discretion in making appointments, yet that course would establish a precedent that might prove detrimental in other quarters; for you must be aware that men are quick to follow precedent, and to claim privileges.
privileges for themselves that they are granted to others.

7. I will endeavor to read up your correspondence with my predecessor, as you request, but I am not certain that I shall be able to find all the letters that you refer to, because of the reasons that I have already stated to you.

8. Can you give me the names of the persons who have, to your knowledge, received the Order of African Redemption, their residences, and the class of insignia they have? With assurances of regard,

Yours obediently,

[signature]
Paris le 14 décembre 1874

À Monsieur le Secrétaire d'État de la République

Dit Libéria

Excellence

J'ai l'honneur de vous accueillir l'expression de mes sentiments les plus respectueux et de vous prier de bien vouloir agréer, Excellente, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

J'habite depuis des années dans ce pays, où je suis né et où j'ai été éduqué. J'ai eu l'occasion de connaître les esprits et les mœurs des gens qui habitent ici. Je suis convaincu que ces esprits et ces mœurs font partie intégrante de notre culture et de notre identité.

Je souhaite vivre dans ce pays pour y contribuer à son développement. Je suis prêt à travailler pour améliorer la situation des habitants et à promouvoir le bien-être de la population.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Excellente, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

Votre trésorier,

[Signature]
Étant incommodé absolument, je vous prie de bien vouloir me faire retourner
la somme encaissée. Ce qui me reste me réjouit de ne pas avoir
perdu toute ma fortune. N'écrivez pas à ma femme de Paris, qui
ne saura pas à quoi répondre. Je prie encore de recevoir mes
amitiés et mes salutations.

Alexandre Talma

[Signature]

[Stamp]
Cape Mount School,  
Liberia, West Africa.  

(Connors)  
December 7, 1884

Hon. Leopold Carranza  

Dear Sir,

I am spending a week or two in Monrovia during the session of the National Legislature, and am glad to learn from the Department of State that you still have the confidence of the present administration. I spent an evening with President Johnson last week, and had a long talk with him concerning government matters. He has had much trouble and perplexity since his inauguration in January last. I have reassured him of my deep interest in the success of his administration, and have concluded to help him as much as I can consistently with other engagements. I feel sure that you will do the same.

I am glad to be able to inform you that with the aid of friends in the United States of America, I have been able to organize and push forward a training institution for native youth in this Republic. I enclose copies of the Rules Governing the same. I have in the School One hundred and thirty-five pupils, and five teachers, and wish to increase...
the number of students to at least two hun-
dred during the next year. I need scholar-
ships for the support of fifty-five more pupils.
Twenty-five dollars per year support a stu-
dent. Can you get some of the friends of
Liberia who are members of the Order of Afro-
american Redemption to undertake the support of
scholarships at the above named rate? If you
can get support for four scholarships it would
afford an education to four heathen boys, and
thus add four more trained citizens to this
Republic.

One of the most important needs of Liberia
at present is Educational Institutions for
both native and Liberian youth. It was this
view that led me to give up my connection
with the Government last year, in order to
build the one now under my charge. I shall
feel thankful therefore for any aid that the
friends of Africa are willing to contribute
to this end.

Any aid that you may be able for this pur-
pose may be sent to the agent in New York
The Rev. Joshua Kibadi,
22 Bible House,
New York, N. Y.
writing, please say that the amount this sent is intended for the Native School at Cape Mount under my charge.

I trust that you and your friends are well.

I remain Sir,

Yours truly,

G. W. Gibson.
Paris 2 November 1834

À Son Excellence
Mr. W. Johnston
Président de la République du Libéria à monsieur

Excellence

C'est avec le plus profond Respect et la plus vive sympathie
que je suis au remerciement de l'aimable
manifesté à notre Excellence de公益活动
pour votre dévouement, j'aurais le plus grand
accordé à notre Excellence de façon
à vos enfants et familles à des célébrations
familiales et de satisfaction de famille.
Department of State.

Sir,

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Hon: Leopold Saracco,
Liberian Consul General,
Paris,
France.
CH. LABOURIAU
Rue de Turenne, 49
PARIS

[Handwritten text in French, partially legible]
Department of State.
Monrovia January 28th 1855

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you enclosed, a copy of a Proclamation by His Excellency, President Johnson, declaring the Bermoothe side of the island of the Naval River in the county of Maryland to be a Port of Entry and Delivery for Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

E. J. Barclay
Acting Secretary

Respectfully,

Leopold Corrance,
Librarian Charge d'Affaires
Consul General &c.
Paris
France.
Executive Department.

Monrovia, Jan. 25, 1885,
Liberia, W.C.A.

Monsieur,

I send you an apology for my long silence. When your last letter came, I was confined to bed from sickness, and I have had a series of troubles. Besides the death of my wife was a great shock to me — the greatest I have ever experienced. I am restored to health, but I feel still my bereavement.

I have to thank you, first of all, for the settlement of the Affair with the Senegal and West African company concerning the lease of land. The result proves not only your devotion to the interests of the Republic,

Leopold Campau,
Diplomatic Representative of Liberia,
Paris.
Republic, but also the friendship of the French Government towards the Republic.

I have, again, to thank you for and through you, to thank the various representatives of the Republic in France for the sympathy shown to me, and the honors paid to the memory of my deceased consort. I shall always gratefully cherish the recollection of the same.

I have been authorized by the Legislature to visit Europe and America sometime the present year, to arrange, if possible, for the settlement of the English 7 per cent. Loan of 1871. Should I go abroad, I shall certainly come to Paris.

I trust this will find
You and yours in the enjoyment of health and prosperity.

With sentiments of esteem,

I remain very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten script]
Department of State
Monrovia January 29th 1885.

No. 2.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch dated 15th December 1884, and addressed to the late Secretary of State, Hon. W. Davis.

2. The appointment suggested therein has the consideration of the Government, but on account of a press of business, action on it is unavoidably delayed for the present.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. J. Barclay
Acting Secretary

Hon: Leopold Cuvance
Librarian Chargé d'Affaires
Paris

France
Department of State.
Montrovia, August 17th, 1855.

Sir,

I had the honor to address you my No. 3, on the 26th May 1855, forwarding the Commission of Mr. Albert J. Tabor, as our Vice Consul at Bordeaux, and have now to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 28th June 1855, relative to the proposed visit of the President to Europe.

In reply thereto, I am to say that should His Excellency, President Johnson, decide to go to Europe and pay a visit to Paris, among other places, a Despatch will be duly forwarded you in advance, in accordance with the request expressed in the 6th Paragraph of your above cited Despatch.

In this connection, allow me on behalf of His Excellency The President to extend to you my gratitude for the honor you propose to show him (the President) on his arrival in Paris.

I have the honor to be

Mr. Legat's Consul,

Sri

Srior Chas. J. Sullivan

Your obedient servant,

E. H. Beale

Acting Secretary.
...
C'est avec plaisir que j'ai l'honneur de faire allusion à Son Excellence le Président, vos lettres de proposition de la déclaration auront été proposée à la démission en poste du premier magistrat de la République, et j'en ai exprimé ma reconnaisance.

Je vous demeure mes enseignements que vous me donnerez sur la manière pour l'Exposition. Vous me donnez la lettre de la mission à Paris de 1867 et j’espère que la malade, l'Exposition, y obtiendra un très grand succès. 

Tout en remerciant fondamentalement pour les efforts faits par Edouard et Constant van der Tempel. Nous avons intérêt de notre République.

J'ai l'honneur de vous dire

Monseigneur
Votre obéissant serviteur,

C. J. Barclay

Secrétair par intérim.

Honoré Sagrada Cassassé
Chargé d'affaires en Libye.
Departement d'Etat
Monteria, 17 Août 1856

Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur de vous accueillir l'occasion
De votre dépêche du 28 juin 1854 me demandant de vous donner
les motifs des prises de negociants à Liberia.

En rapport, je vous envoi la liste détaillée
relative aux renseignements que vous me demandiez.

Ayant

Une maison allemande, La Woernimann, de Hambourg
estable à Messina et ayant Des succursales à Grand Sabla,
River Tett, Sine, Cape Falmad, Marshall et Cape Mount?

Une maison hollandaise, Hendrik Muller, de Rotterdam
estable à Monrovia et ayant ses succursales à Messina,
River Tett et Monrovia et ayant l'intention d'ouvrir un
comptoir à Cavalla.

Une maison belge, Société Belge & Théonie
estable à Monrovia, Cape Mount, River Tett.

Sagit en est E. Mannheimer
Les rejointe Théonie. Font

à Monrovia

x R. A. Sherman
x H. Cooper & Son.

x J. Moore & Son.

x J. C. Dickinson
à Grand Baile
Simon Attia
H. Will

à Simon
J. Ross
W. H. Harri.

Les moutons marqués x sont celles qu'on connaît particulièrement
et qui ont été jamais érigés. Je ne connais pas
rien les autres
établiant que ces endroits m'ont montré vers être
utilis.

Monseigneur
Votre obéissant serviteur,

Sir E. P. Barclay
Secrétaire par intér

Honorables comtes Carrara
Charge d'affaires de Lisbonne

Très
Paris, 24 septembre 1825

Monsieur,

J'ai le plaisir de vous informer que mon
Conseiller, Mr. de Tournon, a Paris, a entendu
Parler de votre maison d'importation et de
Vos relations avec les papeteries
françaises longtemps. Je suis certain de
Vos intentions et de votre compétence.

Je crois que Montin, Chavreul à la maison au nom
de mon bon maître indigène de cette maison.
Votre honorable maison que je communique à
mon ami.

J'espère que mon honorable correspondant
en France a reçu votre lettre et sa réponse.

La France est un pays où la grande consommation
et vos fournitures sont largement reconnues.

Mon maître a accepté de faire des expéditions
De vos produits et de faire des expéditions
En quantité pour notre compte. Il ne souhaitait
Et désirait pour notre compte.
Au montant de ces ventes, de la France à une
Entre l'Europe et l'Amérique, dont en même temps
Dans toutes nos lettres à votre choix.

Il va sans dire que Mr. Chavreul demeure responsable
De ces opérations dont, au bout, je me montrerai garant.
C'est la même chose avec les papeteries de France.

Je vous demande de prendre quelques factures
Au nom de votre maison, en France, et de me les
Renvoyer. Ce sont pour moi des
Intérêts qui sont à mes dépens.

Veuillez me dire en réponse que vous avez des
Connaissances en papeteries, et que vous pouvez produire les
Marchandises demandées.

Votre serviteur,

[Signature]
envoyer au Consulat.
C'est une affaire nationale de première importance qui vous impose pour le plus grand bien. On peut naturellement que nous pourrons arriver à une entente avec M. le Baron.
Je vous prie de me noter à vos
Continuer par plus d'ingénuité.

Chapitre.

Caraîs, General d'Affaire

C. Clovis

Avec le cas où nous ne pouvons pas l'affaire,

De mon tour de son brûlant

De ce genre si son brave commissaire

Ce recommander cette affaire au prince

En provinces de Charles et de,

En même que nous ne pourrions pas l'affaire

Envoi tous les gens de son

Chapitre.

Caraîs.

C. Clovis
No. 5.

Monrovia, October 1st, 1835.

My Lord,

Confining my No. 44, dated August 17th, 1835, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch dated Paris 25th August 1835, in which you are pleased to inform me of your reception of my letter of May 26th last, accompanying the Commission of Mr. Albert Tauton our Vice Consul in Bonnau.

2. It affords me great pleasure to learn that Mr. Tauton will begin to fulfil his functions within a few days, and that he may be expected to discharge these duties in the most devoted manner to the interests of Liberia.

3. I have duly received the Cheque for £40.0.0, which you were kindly pleased to forward for the use of the hospital and school.

It has been divided among the latter, and in conveying my thanks to the generous donor I pray you to advise him that his gift, however small, is as highly appreciated, as a donation of a much larger sum would be, evincing as it does his continued devotion to the interests and welfare of Liberia.

Yours, Leopold Carrance
Liberian Charge d'Affaires
Paris
France.
4. I have taken pleasure in conveying to His Excellency The President your congratulations on his re-election to the Chief Magistracy of the Republic, and he expressed much satisfaction at the reception of the same.

5. I thank you for the information conveyed in yours respecting the work for the Paris Exhibition of 1887, in the prosecution of which I trust that the French nation will have every success.

Appreciating your steady efforts and constant devotion to the interests of our Republic,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Acting Secretary