

# Andrew Durnford letters - housed in general correspondence

- 1831, February 26. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.
- ✓1833, October 18. Incomplete note in Durnford's hand. A.N. 1 p.
- 1834, April 1. A. Durnford, Plaquemines Parish to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1834, May 4. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.
- 1834, June 14. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.
- 1834, September 25. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1834, November 7. A. Durnford to John McDonogh. A.L.S. 3 pp. In French.
- 1834, November 13. A. Durnford, Plaquemines Parish to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.
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- 1835, March 20. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.  
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- 1835, March 27. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.
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1835, June 1. A. Durnford, Philadelphia to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

1835, June 9 & 10. A. Durnford, Richmond to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 2 p.

1835, June 15. A. Durnford, Richmond to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 2 p.

1835, June 25. A. Durnford, Richmond to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 2 pp.

1835, July 6. A. Durnford, Richmond to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 2 pp.

1835, October 11. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

1835, October 17. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

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1836, November 28. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 2 pp.

1838, January 22. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

1838, February 20. A. Durnford to John McDonogh. A.L.S. 1 p.

✓1840, May 8. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p. In French.

1840, June 9. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 2 pp.

1842, July 13. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p. In French.

1842, November 2. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

1842, September 19. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p. In French.

1843, January 30. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

1843, February 24. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

1843, July 14. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

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1843, September 27. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

1843, November 10. John McDonogh, "MacDonogh" to Andrew Durnford, St. Rosalie, Plaquemines Parish. A.L.S. 2 pp.

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1844, August 18. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S.  
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1844, December 10. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

1844, December 16. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S.  
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1844, December 25. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S.  
1 p.

1845, January 26. A. Durnford to John McDonogh. A.L.S. 1 p.

1845, February 27. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p. In  
French.

1845, August 1 A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S.  
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1845, August 13. A. Durnford, St. Rosalie to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S.  
1 p.  
Enclosure: refers to the designation of land belonging to  
Eugene Hingle and Isabelle Denesse. 1 p.

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Non dated letters  
(see Box 13, Folder 3: Durnford-Dwyer)

✓ February 18. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

May 8. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

October 23. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.  
Enclosure: small note in Durnford's hand.

December 8. A. Durnford to John McDonogh, New Orleans. A.L.S. 1 p.

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LETTERS OF LIBERIAN COLONISTS  
1842-1849 & n.d.

- 1842, June 1. Galloway Smith, Norfolk, Virginia to John McDonogh, New Orleans. Informs McDonogh of their arrival at Norfolk and their expectation to sail for Liberia soon. Gives news of persons aboard ship and requests McDonogh to send Fanny to Liberia so he may marry her. Sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1842, July 5. George Ellis McDonogh, Norfolk to "my dear master". [John McDonogh, New Orleans]. States they had a pleasant voyage and expect to sail for Liberia tomorrow. Adds that Captain Chase treated them kindly during the voyage and that he has attended two Sabbath worships on board ship. A.L.S. 1 p.
- 1842, September 5. Washington W. McDonogh, Setter Croo [Settra Kru or Kroo, Liberia, West Africa] to [John McDonogh, New Orleans]: "dear Father". Gives account of travel to the final destination and news of some of the other immigrants. Adds that Settra Kru is a healthy part of the country and believes Africa is a fine place to live. Yet he also notes that some immigrants behave like natives, unwilling to work and resorting to stealing. Discusses personal matters. A.L.S. 3 pp.
- ✓ 1842, October 19. Washington W. McDonogh to John McDonogh, New Orleans. Relays story of immigrants who arrived at Monrovia and their failure to follow instructions. Discusses personal matters. A.L.S. 3 pp.
- 1843, September. George R. Ellis McDonogh, St. Paul River, Liberia to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "dear Father". Informs McDonogh of his recovery from the fever and acknowledges receipt of McDonogh's last letter. Expresses willingness to relocate to Sinoe or Bluebars [Blue Barre] but also notes he has already raised a substantial amount of crops at his present home. Adds that none of the persons asked to relocate to Blue bara [Blue Barre] by the Governor's brother were willing to go. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1844, January 28. James Gray, Monrovia to John McDonogh, McDonogh--opposite of New Orleans. Acknowledges receipt of McDonogh's letter and gives reasons for remaining at Monrovia rather than moving to Sinoe. States that the American squadron regularly visits Monrovia; the squadron receives supplies from here which in turn generates a profit for the inhabitants. In addition, he authorizes McDonogh to sell his property at Gretna and sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 2 pp.

- 1844, February 3. Galloway Smith, Sinoe, Liberia to John McDonogh, New Orleans. Discusses personal news and believes Liberia is a fine place to live. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1844, February 7. Washington McDonogh, Settra Kroo, Mission House to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "dear parent". Informs McDonogh of the rainy season's adverse effect on his health. Also notes his plans for establishing a new school. A.L.S. 3 pp.
- 1844, April 14. George R. Ellis [McDonogh], Monrovia, Liberia to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "my dear father". Notifies McDonogh of "their" recovery from the African fever. Also notes his settlement near St. Paul's River and his planting of 15 or 20 acres of land. Sends news of Washington [McDonogh], gives thoughts on his own relationship with McDonogh, and sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1844, May 14. G. R. [George R.] Ellis McDonogh, Monrovia, Liberia to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "my dear father". Notes the variety of animals he has encountered in Africa and the great destruction committed by the leopards. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1844, May 20. James McGeorge, Monrovia to John McDonogh, opposite of New Orleans. Sends personal endearments and news of inhabitants. Also requests McDonogh to send supplies. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- ✓ 1844, May 20. Augustine Lamberth, Monrovia to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "dear father". Discusses news of inhabitants and of himself. Also states that he has now settled here but is willing to relocate to Sinoe. Sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 1 p.
- 1844, May 20. James McGeorge, Monrovia to John McDonogh, opposite of New Orleans: "dear beloved sir". Acknowledges receipt of McDonogh's letter and sends best to friends and relatives. Discusses their welfare, stating they have not attained the expected prosperity but they do grow enough to sustain themselves. Also states reasons for remaining in Monrovia and not settling near the Sinoe River yet he stipulates they will move to the Sinoe if McDonogh desires it. A.L.S. 3 pp.
- 1844, November 17. James McGeorge, Monrovia to John McDonogh, "at McDonogh, opposite of New Orleans": "dear beloved benefactor". Explains reasons for their failure to settle at Sinoe and gives news of inhabitants. Sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 3 pp.
- 1844, December 28. W. W. [Washington W.] McDonogh, Settra Kroo to John McDonogh,



New Orleans: "dear father". States that most people at the Mission are well and believes the natives are very ignorant and superstitious. Explains native custom of dealing with individuals accused of bewitching someone. A.L.S. 3 pp.

1846, February 18.

Washington W. McDonogh, Mount Pleasant to John McDonogh: "honored parent". Rejoices in the educational opportunities McDonogh has provided him. Also states that he is living among the Kroo people, he finds the natives very peaceable and notes his progress with their language. Discusses desire to be married and asks McDonogh for financial assistance. Sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 2 pp. (note on letter: "copy--original given to Robert S. Finley to be published.")

1846, March 18.

W. W. [Washington W.] McDonogh, Monrovia to [John McDonogh]: "honored parent". Informs McDonogh that he has travelled to Monrovia to visit his family. Expresses disappointment on not receiving a letter from McDonogh but continues to read his old letters and will endeavor to follow his advice. Adds that he is doing the best he can for the natives and notes the difficulty of the Kroo dialect. A.L.S. 2 pp. (note on letter: "copy--original given to Rev. Robert S. Finley for publication.")

✓ 1846, March 20.

G. R. Ellis [George R. Ellis McDonogh], Monrovia to John McDonogh, New Orleans. Sends news of family and expresses disappointment on not receiving a letter from McDonogh. States that he continues to farm a variety of crops and requests McDonogh to send him more seed. Also sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 2 pp.

1846, August 7.

John Aiken, Monrovia to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "my dear master and friend, Mr. McDonogh". Sends personal endearments and rejoices in receipt of McDonogh's last letter. Adds that Africa is a fine country, the land is rich and produces numerous crops. Also states they are well supplied, only clothing is limited. A.L.S. 2 pp. (note on letter: "original forwarded to Rev. R. S. Finley.")

1846, October 7.

W. W. [Washington W.] McDonogh, King Wils Town, Africa to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "dear father". Sends news of inhabitants and discusses activities. Expresses gratitude for opportunities McDonogh has provided him and notes some of the products indigenous to Africa. Closes letter by emphasizing his desire to remain in Africa, stating that a colored person can enjoy his liberty free of prejudice in the colony. A.L.S. 2 pp. (note on letter: "copy sent to Rev. Robt. S. Finley.")

- 1847, March 25. G. R. [George R.] Ellis McDonogh, Monrovia, Liberia to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "my dear father". Expresses disappointment on not receiving a letter from McDonogh. Adds that he is now the acting agent for the Mission at Settra Kroo. Notes that McDonogh's people are doing tolerably well and describes what he has been able to raise on his farm. Finally, he explains necessity for McDonogh to send him money from the sale of Gray's property at Gretna in addition to working tools. A.L.S. 3 pp.
- 1847, July 20. Galloway Smith McDonogh, Philadelphia to John McDonogh, New Orleans. Informs McDonogh that he will return to Liberia in August and he has purchased some goods in Philadelphia. Also describes goods he has brought with him from Africa, yet unfortunately a majority of the coffee was destroyed when the ship sprung a leak. Finally, he requests some financial assistance from McDonogh. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1847, November 13. W. W. [Washington W.] McDonogh, Nana Kroo to John McDonogh, opposite of New Orleans: "dear father". States that he is attempting to teach the heathens the Way of God but he perceives little or no fruits from his endeavors. He is now also in charge of a boarding school at Nana Kroo which is not as flourishing as he anticipated. Sends news of family and personal endearments. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1848, March 7. Washington W. McDonogh, Settra Kroo to John McDonogh, opposite New Orleans: "honored sir". Discusses personal matters and his philosophy of life. Also notifies McDonogh of his plans to marry; this woman will aid him in his labors as a missionary among the heathens. Sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 3 pp.
- 1848, July 1. Julia Smith, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa to John McDonogh, McDonoghville: "dear father". Sends news of inhabitants and family. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1848, July 3. Simon Jackson, Monrovia to John McDonogh, opposite New Orleans. Sends news of inhabitants and notes gratitude the inhabitants feel for being sent to this land of liberty by McDonogh. Also states that they have been industrious and live tolerably well but a little capital assistance from him will greatly aid them. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- ✓ 1848, July 3. Nancy Ann Smith?, Monrovia to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "dear father". Sends news of family and personal endearments. Also requests McDonogh and the Durnfords to send her some goods. A.L.S. 2 pp. [In poor condition].

- 1849, August 3. George R. Ellis McDonogh, Settra Kroo to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "dear father". Sends news of family and inhabitants. Also gives an account of their settlement at St. Paul's refusal and the inhabitants' refusal to relocate to Sinoe. A.L.S. 2 pp
- 1849, September. Phillis Watts, St Paul's River, Africa to John McDonogh, New Orleans: "dear friend and benefactor". Notes progress with farming and people's refusal to relocate to Sinoe. Sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1849, October 13. Washington W. McDonogh, Settra Kroo to John McDonogh, opposite New Orleans. Pleads with McDonogh to answer his letters. Also states that he is now married and both he and his wife are working among the natives. A.L.S. 2 pp.
- 1849, October 24. Henrietta Fuller, St. Paul's River, "New Orleans", Liberia to John McDonogh, New Orleans. States that she enjoys good health there have been some deaths among the colony's members but in general the settlers are well. Adds that the African soil is rich, the climate is healthy, and Africa's laws are just and equitable. Believes they enjoy the same rights as their white brethren in America. Sends personal endearments. A.L.S. 2 pp
- 1849, October 24. James McGeorge Taylor, St. Paul's River, "New Orleans", Messarado County, Liberia to John McDonogh, New Orleans. State that he and his family enjoy good health; his current livelihood consists of brick making, farming, and building houses. Also notes Rev. Gurley's visit to Liberia for the purpose of reporting to the United States government the commercial, social, and moral progress of the colonists. A.L.S. 1 p.
- ✓ 1849, November 24. G. R. [George R.] Ellis [McDonogh], Monrovia to John McDonogh. Notes that the people of Liberia were cheered by the presence of Rev. Gurley; he even accompanied Gurley during part of his travels in Liberia. A.L.S. 1 p.
- ✓ n.d. Folder--"M", Maher-McDonogh G. R. [George R.] Ellis McDonogh to [John McDonogh]: "my dear father". Sends McDonogh newspapers and two packages. Asks McDonogh to send him two dogs which are much needed in Liberia. A.L.S. 1 p.