project; and, indeed Dr. Hall had been assured by the headmen from the Cape who had met him at Monrovia, that the purchase of Land there, without the usual article of exchange, ardent spirits, was impracticable. - From Carraway Dr. Hall deshatched a Kroman, in whom he had confidence, to announce his purhose to the King of Cape Town, and sent a propitiatory present with the Messenger. - On the 12th of February, the morning after the arrival of the Brig, Dr. Hall waited, in form upon the King, and states the object which he had in view, in desiring to become the purchaser of the Territory, - asking his Majesty's consent to the landing of the Emigrants, and the erection of a Town. - This was readily given; the preliminaries of a Treaty were arranged; and the King of Cape Town promised to send for the Kings of Grahway and Cavally, that it might be finally and solemnly adjusted, at a proper and authentic convention or palaver. -

On the 13th February, the palaver was closed, and King Freeman of Cape Palmas, Will of Grahway, and Joe Holland of Grand Cavally executed the Deed and Treaty, annexed hereto; by which about Four hundred square miles of Territory were ceded to the Maryland State Colonization Society forever, upon terms far more reasonable than the most sanguine hopes could have anticipated. - Speaking of the

purchase Dr. Hall says, "It is all that we could possibly desire and far, far more than we had reason to expect and the compensation therefor much less than any one, acquainted with the African character could have anticipated - And I will venture to say, that no treaty of the kind was ever effected, or a palaver of this magnitude set, with the natives of this Country, in so short a time. - I have not time to enter into a detail of the conduct of the palaver, but I will just observe that so much had been said to the head men, whom we brought from Monrovia on the subject of ardent spirits, that they barely made the demand; and upon a full and fair declaration that my master sent me to buy land without rum, they gave it up in a manner that would have honored a more Christian assembly. I must say however that this was principally effected by the lobby members before the house opened." -

Speaking of the harbor of the Territory, thus acquired Dr. Hall says, "It is decidedly the best from Sierra Leone to Fernando Po. It is about 1½ miles broad from the Reef which extends from the N.W. Point of the Cape to the beach affording a perfectly safe anchorage for the largest vessels within pistol-shot of the shore. - The bar, at the mouth of the River (emptying into this Harbour) is passable at all times, except, perhaps, when the rains have been excessive for some days, and then there is

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