thought was theirs, and which belonged to | was pass all country-man for war, said he no | plied Dr. Hall, and can make what laws you | what every body says that was there or knew me, as the 'old Governor' had bought it from | want to fight, all I had said was true.' They | please-If you dont make good laws, you must | any thing about it-and if he thinks the man them when he first came here, and I would then wanted a 'dash for be friend.' I told take the consequences of having bad ones—If ed being GUILTY, he must punish the man give them only one week to settle the thief | them no, it would be too much like paying palaver. After some conversation they agreed | them for doing right, and home they went. to the proposition, and said they would come In the afternoon the King came into my back and sign the paper after dinner. I had in the door, with three of his principal men. He must do so, as long as you conceal the thieves. every body who was there has to say, does mean time prepared a dash for the King and said they had come to beg me for a little trust, This was readily understood by the King—and not think the man or woman guilty, he must each of the head men, also some tobacco for and as they had come in a proper manner. I the visit of Simleh Balla was for the pur- let him or her go free. The judge must go the principal old men of their towns, in all must not refuse them. I had either now to pose of getting, from the same authority which by what the people say that was there or amounting to forty-one dollars and a half (first | trust them, or have another palaver, and I cost) which I had placed in an adjoining room, chose the former; since which they have paid gave laws to Dr. Hall, laws for the governout of sight. After dinner I 'made a book' for the goods. All of these palavers are much ment of King Freeman, and in his inter- sees the wrong done, or hears other people for their signatures, as follows:-We whose alike; every time you must rehearse to them course with the members of the Board of Ma- that he can believe, say they saw it done, or names are hereunto affixed, do without reser- all of the advantages of your coming here, nagers in Baltimore, Simleh constantly urged saw such things as make the judge know it vation or any other consideration, relinquish | what you expect to do for them, &c. A few | that a book should be given him to take back | was done. to the Maryland State Colonization Society days ago, a son of one of the head men of to King Freeman containing a set of laws for other man or woman did wrong, and speak lie all claim that the people of the native towns | Half Cavally, came here, and was detected of Cape Palmas think they have to a certain stealing; I kept him in jail until his father re- his government. In accordance with his de- when he says so, he must go to jail and be tract of land, known as the old rice farms, sit- leased him by the payment of a bullock and a sire the following laws were prepared—and punished as the judge says, for this is bad. uated upon the Maryland Avenue. - Done at | sheep. After I let him out of prison, the | the phraseology used made to correspond, as Harper, Cape Palmas, March 30th, in the Cape Palmas people caught him, and demand- nearly as might be, with the style of broken things which are wrong among his peopleyear of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ed ten bullocks, because said they, if he had English in general use along the coast—so and thirty-six. As soon as they made their not been caught, the Governor would have appearance, which they did in a body, I point- | blamed them, and it would have spoiled their ed to the paper and told them that was the good name, besides their having to pay for 'book' for them to sign. King Freeman ask- him.' However, they let him off by the pay- to the Congo, might understand them. ed me 'to read book to him,' which was of ment of two; so that trying to steal two course done, with much explanation. I now handkerchiefs worth twenty-five cents, he had 1. All men must do to each other as they asked him to come up to the table and put his to pay about twenty dollars. Thieving, I be- would have men do unto them. name to the book, and have his head men do lieve, is rare among the natives of Cape Pal- 2. All men must speak truth :-- none but the same. The King said no, and shook his mas at this time, although some months ago bad men lie. head. After some discourse with his people, it was quite common. Even the King, I am 3. If a man kill another man because he cattle beasts, he must pay for it, and go to he said that was old book, he no be a new | credibly informed, had a man whose business | hated and wanted to kill him, he must be | jail and be punished as the judge says. fine book, he be the same book old Gubner it was to steal for him. Within two months hung. fool King first time. I protested that I had I have made them pay five bullocks, besides 4. If a man kill another man, and did not just made it, and that I had read it correctly, other things of less value, and they are so well hate him or want to kill him, but did not take if the book was written over it would be the trained at present that one of our people can care and killed him, he must go to jail and same as it now was. I perceived that it con- take a thief or criminal of any description, be punished as the judge says. tained something they did not want in it, or through their town, and lodge him or her in 5. If two men quarrel and fight on the spot, that they wanted something else introduced, jail without any one of them daring to molest and did not hate before they fought, or want and did not like to ask for it. I could not the officer in the discharge of his duty. When to kill, and one kill the other, he must go to convince them it was a new book, and of I first came here, some of our people were jail and be punished as the judge says. course had to make another, and go over the bringing a woman, belonging to the large na- 6. If one man kill another, and did not hate | ing, and it is hoped the vessel will sail from explanation again, word by word. The King tive town, before me for stealing-as they him, or want to kill him, and tried not to kill the 15th to the 30th of next month, with upstood at my elbow, ready to ask for something passed through her town, the King and some him, but killed him, he must not be punished. wards of fifty emigrants. It is with sincere to be put in, but the book was finished before of the head men released her. I had them 7. If one man try to kill another, and the he was aware of it; he took his chair and sat | immediately summoned before me, and repri- man whom he tries to kill, fight him and kill down. I now asked him again to sign the pa- manded them for their conduct. The King him to save his own life, he must not be punper, and he once more refused, saying 'he said he had let the woman go because he did shed. wanted a farm for himself left out of the book.' not think she was a thief. I told him that I 8. If a man make rape on a woman, and she ryland Colony, two of whom are expected to I now lost all patience—I thought of Job and | would not permit any one to interfere with my | not willing, he must be hung. his stock, all to no purpose-I threw down my officers in the discharge of their duty. He 9. If a man try to make rape on a woman, the spring. The Rev. Dr. Savage, and Rev. pen, took one turn across the room, and told acknowledged having done wrong, and said and she fight and kill him, she must not be Mr. Minor, are now at the Theological Semithe interpreter if they had come here to trifle although he had let her off, he would bring punished. with me, to tell them to go home immediately. her before me. He did so, and I made her 10. If a man burn a house in the night King Freeman now said, 'where is the book, pay five times the amount of the potatoes she where any body are to sleep, he must be hung. their responsible and self-denying labours as let people sign it, they want to go home.' had stolen, in cassadas. Since which we have The paper was then signed by their mark, as had no difficulty, on the score of the natives time, or a house where nobody are to sleep, or to his theological knowledge, Dr. Savage is follows:-King Freeman, (head men) Sear, interfering with the execution of our laws; on pull down a house which is not his, or break Soldier King (which is the same meaning as the contrary, they are as obedient to them as into another man's house because he wants to a military captain) Crah, Palm King, Gover- the colonists, and are quite as desirous to steal, he must go to jail and be punished as nor Queer, Queer, Dwah and Baphro, on the please me and be thought good citizens. the judge says. part of the inhabitants of the native towns of They have also more confidence, and place Cape Palmas. Witness, Oliver Holmes, Jr., | more trust in the officers who settle their ac-Samuel F. McGill. I now gave them their | counts, than the colonists generally. This is dashes, and they went home apparently well an object of vast importance gained to the satisfied, first shaking my hand. The day at last arrived for them to settle the thief palaver, and passed without being noticed by the natives in the neighborhood doubted all them. I immediately ordered all intercourse that foreigners told them. between the natives and the colony to be stopped. The same night I had the pleasure to house, or receptacle for emigrants. It is to be see King Freeman and some of his head men come into my door, with rather long faces. After a short silence, the King asked why I did from the ground, and covered with shingles, in punished as the judge says; besides, he must not buy his and his people's rice to-day? I told | lieu of thatch, as I think past experience dehim I did not intend to have any trade with | monstrates that palm leaf thatch does not anhim or his people, untill all palaver was 'set,' swer the place of shingles, nor does any other as they live.\* nor would I trust him or any of the Cape Palmas people, or hire any of his people to work reasons why it does not. In the first place, for me until this arrangement should be made. He said that the other Governor made pala- they would for themselves. They cannot be ver with him for stopping trade, and now I hired or persuaded to take the necessary pains. had stopped trade. I told him he could stop | Secondly, the thatch is destroyed in a great his own people from trading whenever he pleased, as I had done with mine, but that he had no right to try to stop others from trading with me. He said 'true, and to be friends for me, and to have trade with me, he had come to let me know that his people had found who had shot pig and stole potatoes, that soon as he heard it he came to let me know it, that it was the same persons I had COLONIZATION told him, and if I said they must pay, they must; that he no like thief man.' I told him he had done good 'fash' this time, and I would let his people off easily on account of it. I told him they must pay one bullock for the hogs, and another for the potatoes, and they must be large and fat. He consented, after some talk, and I dismissed them, being annoyed by the jabbering of the natives for some time, I arose, and gave them au- the authority of the Society-and had been tions, they insisted on having one more pala- numerous and important society at home, from words, 'no good for my countryman.' 'Why them that something more was to be done than simply taking charge of the bullocks. Every simply taking charge of the bullocks. Every man of any note among them, was for having ed at the Cape, the fruitful source of quarrel pretty—she young—No man give 'em rice— together, let no man put asunder. ing in palaver, and trying my best to reason Dr. Hall told the King that he would hold that law good for my con be pickening to wants of Mr. Adam Weaver of Frederick try to take it, and if I was strong enough I colonist stole, Dr. Hall did not pay the value an expost facto law was as perfect as it could

cause of religion and morality, on this part of the coast. Before the settlement of this place, be punished as the judge says.

I am at present engaged in building a long | and be punished as the judge says. a framed house, one hundred and ten feet long. that we could procure here. I will give two the natives will not place the thatch on as | be punished as the judge says. degree whilst it is yet green, by hundreds of bugs, lizards, &c. that afterwards have their nests in it, and are continually shaking down these or any other laws say is wrong, the conthe dust and dirt, all which evils render one of these thatched houses absolutely untenable during the rainy season.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1836.

SIMLEH BALLA.

In our last number, we took occasion to mention the visit of this native African to the telling the King he was now responsible State Society, as a messenger from King do this, he must pay for the wrong that has for the payment. The next morning, the Freeman, of Cape Palmas. The King had been done himself. dience. After this thief business had been always informed, that, though there was but the laws as they were read and explained to narrowed down to a few simple transac- one sent to Africa, yet that one represented a him, stopped the reader at this one, with the ver, and to my surprise I found upon facing whom emanated the laws that governed the not Simleh.' 'Me tell you. I got four wives. trust to buy rice for me. I made sure of the between the natives and the colonists was the ninny die too-No good law that.' There bullocks, and put the palaver off until after propensity to theft which seemed almost irre- was so much reason in his objection, that an breakfast. Breakfast being over, they were sistible on the part of the former. After maall again present, with an addition of thirty or | ny ineffectual attempts to put an end to this, after a short pause, he went on, 'Me tell you - last, consisted in part of the manumitted serthe matter with them to no purpose, I again him personally responsible; and accordingly, lost all patience-I told them I would trust when any thing was stolen from a colonist, say, King Freeman say you only have one when I pleased, or let it alone, and it was King Freeman was obliged by the Governor | wife-so all men. When I got my four wives, | ver has conferred a favour upon the colony by none of their business, and of course they to make up the loss. At last the King said I no saba that law-When my son get wife, sending such persons there as citizens: of the could not make palaver of it; but if they that this was a law he did not like; that if a he saba law he do what law say-Yes, that feelings which induced him to manumit them would keep it, and punish them for their con- of the article stolen—that a law to be good be, and the 15th article of the code will be duct. The King said it was true, one white should be the same for all men-but that, in explained by him to King Freeman as pros- fort in Africa, we must speak in the warmest man, spose he be a pickaninny, (a child) he this case, it was not so. You are King, re- pective only in its operation.

that, hearing them read, a native, speaking the dialect in use with traders from Cape Verds

LAWS.

12. If a man, or two men, or many men, dria. take a man, or woman, or child, and sell them for slaves, they must be hung.

13. If a man hurt another by beating or cutting him very much, he must go to jail and

14. If a man take away another man's wife, or use her as his wife, he must go to jail

give to both wives and their children a house to live in, and enough to eat and drink as long

17. If a woman do any thing wrong, she must be punished the same as a man.

18. If a man kill or hurt a woman, he must

be punished as if he had killed or hurt a man. must catch the man or woman that has done wrong, and bring them before the judge. woman that did wrong, but cannot find them, he must not be punished.

20. If a man or woman under one king, steal or hurt a man or woman under another man or woman is that did so, must make that man or woman that did the wrong pay for it. and be punished besides. If the king will not

immediate reply was not made to him-and -got no wife-by-um-bye he want wife-I

you make a law to give up thieves to be pun- or woman for doing wrong according to the ished, I will not hold you responsible—but I law: but if the judge, after he has heard what knew any thing about it.

22. The judge cannot punish, unless he

24. The king must make judges to hear all and to try all men or women that have done wrong-and the judges must be the best and wisest men among the king's people.

25. The American men must be tried by the American judges, and when the dispute is between a native and an American man, there must be a native judge and an American judge -and if they dont agree, the American governor of the colony must settle the business.

26. If any man kill or hurt another man's

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL MISSION AT CAPE PALMAS.

The intention of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society to send out an expedition in October, was announced in the last number of the Journal. The work of preparation is steadily progresspleasure we announce the intention of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church to send three missionaries to the Masail with the fall expedition, and the other in nary at Alexandria, preparing to enter upon 11. If a man burn a house at any other missionaries to the African race. In addition

METHODIST EPISCOPAL MISSION AT CAPE

eminently qualified to act as a physician;

having practiced medicine several years pre-

vious to entering the seminary at Alexan-

We are also gratified to learn that the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church intend supplying Cape Palmas with additional missionary assistance. It is not 15. If a man have one wife, and while she certain that the individuals who are assigned lives take another wife, so as to have more to that field of labour by their Board of Manahaving eleven rooms, raised a short distance | than one wife living, he must go to jail and be | gers, will accompany our expedition, but if they should not, they will in all probability sail from New-York in the brig Portia, which it is expected will soon return to Africa. Al-16. If a man steal, he must give back what | ready has the Agent of the Maryland State he stole, and besides he must go to jail, and | Colonization Society in Liberia assigned portions of land to the above denominations, to be employed as missionary stations; and preparations are making in Africa for the reception of the missionaries. The subject is one of 19. If a man or woman do any thing which | the deepest interest, and leads the mind to contemplate Africa as a highly favored porstable, when he is told of it by any body, tion of God's moral vineyard. It rejoices our hearts that the great Head of the church has, the constable will not do so, he must pay for at this early period of the colonization enterthe wrong and be punished as the judge says. | prise, granted such signal success in the rich If he looks good and tries to find the man or supply of able ministers of His precious gospel,-men who give the strongest evidence of their love of souls, by jeoparding their lives to carry the glad tidings of salvation to those king or governor, the king under whom the who sit in the valley of the shadow of death. Although we are unable to imitate their magnanimous conduct, the contemplation of such sacrifices often makes our hearts burn within us, and the enquiry is forced upon the mind, King, his head men and two bullocks, were in seen but one white man at the settlement of 21. When any man or woman is said to whence have these men obtained so much of waiting long before I was out of bed. After Maryland in Liberia-Dr. Hall-exercising have done any wrong, the judge must hear the mind that was in Christ? Why are not all the ministers of the gospel possessed of \*Simleh Balla who perfectly comprehended | the missionary spirit? We love colonization the more, because it is so intimately blended with the spirit and labour of missions, and upon this union we have based much of our hope of its ultimate success. What God hath joined

## MR. WEAVER'S SERVANTS.

The emigrants by the Financier, in July that law good for my son-he pickaninny now county; and a more deserving family of coloured people we have rarely seen. Mr. Weaan ex post facto law was as perfect as it could ry thing that could contribute to their comterms.