and the second in rank and importance under his chief, visited the United States at the request of King Freeman, that he might see for himself and report to the King whether all those things were true which the Society's agent had reported in Africa, concerning the power of the white man, and the presence here of a large portion of the African race in slavery; and especially was Sunleh Balla required, if he found the white man as he was described to be, to obtain from the Society, a code of laws for the native government, the King distrusting those which their representative in Africa offered, and desirous to obtain them from the same power divinity, that gave laws to the agent himself. After a residence of near two months in the State the individual in question returned in the Financier, highly gratified with what he had seen and heard, deeply impressed with the power of the Americans and furnished with a short and simple code of laws adapted to the wants and within the comprehension of the unlettered and unenlightened for whose use they were compiled.

Intelligence has been received from Sunleh Balla since his return home, and the anticipations of the Society with regard to the useful results of his visit seem in a fair way to be realized. The King had convened his head men and proclaimed the laws sent out by the Society, and those of them even which jarred most with their existing customs were unhesitatingly adopted. A letter from the King sent by the missionary who wrote it at his dictation to be verbatim as given in the used on the coast, will be found in the appendix. It is an interesting document and leads the mind forward to anticipate the day when the full blessings of colonization will be realized, not only to this country but to Africa also, as her inhabitants are civilized and enlightened by its happy influences.

The Niobe, besides the emigrants took out the Rev David White and lady, missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and Doctor Savage, missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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