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The Maryland Avenue has been gradually extended from Harper to the interior in the direction of Denah, and is graded and bridged and passable for carriages for a distance of upwards of four miles from the Cape. The farms of the Colonists are laid out on either side of it. The land along the road improves in quality as the sea shore is left. Denah is a large native town, on the Cavally river about twenty miles from Harper and within the territory of the Society. Its situation is very eligible, and when a free communication is open between Denah & Harper, it will be easy to extend it by water to the Cataracts of Tayé at the foot of the mountain range and in an elevated and salubrious region. The Cavally from Denah to the cataracts has an average depth of ten feet of water at all seasons, and the distance by the river is about forty miles.

The relations of the Colonists with the natives are generally satisfactory. Theft, the common vice of barbarous tribes is still

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a fruitfull source of disputes; but the numerical strength of the Colony is now such as to place it beyond all apprehensions from native violence. The efforts of the Agent are unremitting however, to preserve a constant and friendly intercourse with the surrounding tribes. The native Magistrates and Constables noticed in a former report still continue to perform their appropriate duties, and the efforts of the latter are generally effectual when theft is committed to detect the offender.

Cotton is found to succeed at the Colony, though delay and difficulty have occurred in producing it in quantity for want of experience as to the proper time to plant it. Some Cuba Tobacco seed was sent out two years ago, and Tobacco raised from it was brought to Baltimore on the return of the Columbia. It was of an excellent quality, but milder than the Cuba Tobacco. The leaf was fine and silky & segars made from it were pronounced by judges to have the recommendations of mildness & flavour.

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