College, Dr. Fletcher has gone back to Africa, with every prospect of becoming a most useful person there. His presence enabled Dr. McGill, the Colonial Physician, whom the Board have had occasion so often to mention in terms of high praise, to visit the United States; and the Board would not do justice to him, nor to their feelings towards him, did they not on this occasion, express the satisfaction with which they greeted one to whose valuable services they had been so much indebted. The high and honorable reputation, which as a medical man, he enjoys on the Coast of Africa, is but a just tribute to his talents and acquirements.

Mrs. Ruffenuum, the wife of Governor Ruffenuum, and the sister of Dr. McGill also returned to the United States on a visit in the Liberia Packet, bringing with her one of her children; and in mentioning her return, the Board cannot omit the expression of the uniform satisfaction, which they have had, during the long period of ten years, with her husband as their Agent and Governor

of Maryland in Liberia. The first colored man employed at the head of a Colony from this country, Governor Ruffenuum had no easy duty to perform in illustrating by his conduct his fitness for his position. This he did so satisfactorily, that there is not a white man now in an agency on the coast. The relations of the Board with him have thus far been of mingled kindness.

The Board are gratified in being able to say, that the Colony has been at peace with the Nations around it and that the time has long since past when there could be any apprehension of difficulties with them. The course pursued universally has been one of conciliation.

Since the date of the last Annual Report, large additions have been made to the territory of the Colony and the Board received by the Liberia Packet copies of deeds from the Kings of Tabou, Tahoe, Grand Berely, Little Berely, and Bafah. By these deeds, the natives, Kings and their people, place themselves under the jurisdiction of the Society's Agent, in all

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