barely make the demand, and upon a full & plain declaration that my masters sent me to buy lands without rums, they gave it up in a manner that would have honoured a more christian agently. I must say however that this was principally effected by the lobby members, before the house opened.

To shew you that some management was necessary, I will just give you give you a list of the "money" first demands:

20 Puncheons Rum, 20 Cases Gun, 20 ½ bbls Powder, 20 bales of Cloth, 20 Neptunes, 20 Brass Kettles, 20 Boxes Hats, (2 doz. each) 20 boxes Cutlasses, 20 ~~boxes~~ Boxes Beads, 100 Iron pots, 20 Cases looking glasses, 100 Doz. Red caps, 200 Iron Bars, 20 gross trade knives, 20 Crates Wash Basins, 20 Hds. Tobacco, 1 Box Umbrellas, 100 Boxes pipes, 20 Kegs Flints, 2 Boxes large copper wire or rod, 2 grs Spoons, 3 grs locks, 100 Tumblers, 100 Ibmes, 20 Boxes Soap, 10 M. Fish hooks, 100 Tin Pails, 100 stone jugs, 20 Demijohns, 20 Cases snuff Boxes, 20 Boxes Candles, 2 Cases Bells, 20 Suits Clothes, 3 Beds & Bedsteads, 6 Boxes Cloths, 3 Cock'd Hats, 6 Epaulettes, 3 Doz. Flags. — You will perceive by the deed that no local bounds are set to our particular territory: this I thought advisable for various reasons, but more particularly as I know little of the resources of this country, or what tract would be most desirable for cultivation, and time would admit of no delay as two or three English vessels are on the way down from from Cape Mesurada, & self interest prompts them to use all measures to prevent our purchase. — Another reason why I wished to consider the whole territory as common, rather than separate to ourselves our part, was to prevent any factories from being established by the Cape Mesurada Speculators near us & not exactly under our jurisdiction. I have determined upon building a town upon the N.W. point of the Cape which overlooks the harbour, sea board and native town. Many inconveniences attend this situation; but the harbour must be secured! — 'tis decidedly the best from Sierra Leone to Fernando Po. — It is about one & a half miles 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 is passable at all times, except perhaps when the rains have been excessive for some days, and then there is a good landing place behind a cliff on a sand beach.

I shall probably lay out our farm lands near the sea, or rather near a creek which runs parallel with the coast from this to Grahway, about ten miles down the coast. The land appears to be very fine and well timbered, and all articles can be easily transported up & down the creek in canoes. I shall vary materially from your letter of instructions as it regards a stockade. Timber of the proper size cannot be procured, and I must content

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