Cape Palmas Oct 15th 1834

To Jno H Blackstone Esq

Dear Sir | In my last per Schr Jacob & Priscilla I informed you that an embargo had been laid upon all our commerce by our neighbour King & that we should soon be in want of provisions. I will briefly state the cause of this movement on part of his majesty. There had been a large quantity of plank stolen belonging to Mr Nelson & the people of this town & Grahway mutually accused each other of taking it. I had a talk with King Freeman upon the subject & he agreed to send to Bolia & examine into the business. After a few days he came up & informed me that he had sent a man to Bolia had examined his people houses & found none & that none could have gone to Grahway. A short time after I was informed by Bolia that the King had sent no messenger to him & he had heard nothing about the plank. Thus stood matters when the Expedition arrived. After dispatching the boat I sent word to Bolia & Bopha & came down to receive their goods. In the morning of the day in which I expected them King Freeman came up & complained that I had not treated him properly as head king in not sending him word & not calling the others. I then told him that I could not trust him to detain any cargo. that he had deceived me in his pretended communication with Bolia & that I could not respect him as King, unless he acted like one & punished the many outrages of plundering &c. that I was sensible if he pleased he could at once put an end to it. At this he became enraged & forthwith proceeded as above stated. He forbid the other kings Bolia & Bopha from taking any goods due for territory from the latter which you shall pay & attempted also me to communicate with our boat. Thus matters stood for about three months & I determined that

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