to Sheffords Lake, not less rejoiced to make any long & fatiguing journey than am
for fourteen days.
I here to close this tedious detail. — It had been about fourteen days —
Some general remarks however may be deemed necessary. Independent
of the acquisition of the valuable territory of Bulyamah I consider this tour
as production of the most important results. In the first place it has completely
vanquished the settled purpose of all the leading tribes to prevent communi-
cation between the Colony and the bush people; thereby destroying one of the
strongest barriers to the propagation of civilization & the Gospel. It has completely
& I trust permanently opened the way for free & unrestrained commerce, thereby greatly
by enhancing the means of the Colonists for acquiring wealth & importance. It gives
us assurance that we can at any time acquire an almost boundless extent of valuable
& fertile lands for no other consideration than the advantages that will accrue
to the native inhabitants from our settling colonists among them & in secu-
ring free communication with all parts of Maryland in Liberia. It has
developed to us the resources of this valuable tract of country bordering upon
this important & beautiful river. We now know that which we were known to
be navigable for to the extent of fifty miles at least, for vessels of any tonnage of water
that may be required for exporting the produce of the country. In fresh in
the height of the Dry season I do not think that the current in any place would
give up from two fathoms on the bounding line. I found not less than four
from side to side & generally six. I speak of these advantages independent
of those arising from the acquisition of territory; but the fact that this tribe
(the Grabocks) one of the most influential on this section of the coast, which
possessing absolute control over the navigation of the river, whose country is the very
hot-bed of bigotry & superstition, the Head quarters of Gullah Jack himself,
possessing as they do the absolute control over the navigation of the river &
the interior traffic with the interior, a people who have ever been strongly
with the natives of Cape Palmas with whom they consider as amalgamated with

us & in some degree amenable; that they should voluntarily come forwards,
and without valuable pecuniary consideration, tender their territory to the Gov-
ernor of the Colony & in a measure come under his control, & wish to be
joined to & confederated with their former enemies; forms the most correct comment
upon the effects produced by this Colony among the surrounding tribes of barbarians, & the reputation it has established during its brief existence —
Nov 26th I have this morning the pleasure of noting another important ac-
-quisition of territory, which although not really valuable in itself, under ex-
-isting circumstances of the utmost consequence to us. I refer to Half Cavally.
I have before detailed to you some unpleasant circumstances which have trans-
-pired relative to our commerce with these people. Such as their obstinate refusal
to treat with us for territory, their ~~evidently offering~~ insolent & flagitious con-
-duct towards me when passing their town, & their endeavouring to instigate
the bush people on the river to acts of violence towards me during my late
tour. I previous to this last act of hostility I had been quite undecided as to the
it was my duty to call them to an account for their conduct, knowing
that in case they refused satisfaction I should be under the necessity of fight-
-ing them, which I considered a direct resort, & I determined to let the matter
rest. But when I found that this ~~course~~ only emboldened them to con-
-tinue this course of conduct, & that the Colony would be continually subject
to their hostile acts unless some measures of redressing were taken, I determined to
call them to an account. I accordingly sent a messenger Mr Mottum See
to ask the reason of their late conduct & to demand satisfaction. They return-
-ed for answer that they had been instigated to the course they had taken by King
Tom, that he had deceived them more by making friends with me, & they
were ashamed of it, & wished me to make them a visit & they