It will depend upon the Committee or publications, through whom the whole matter is to be published, whether any part of this or further - & frankly
To speak honestly, I am ashamed of it, but really I can write nothing better.
of the state of the island. This will not permit me to say any thing of the internal affairs of the Colony or the home department, only that we continue prosperous. & for the most part contented. Have or no cases of sickness among the old settlers. All the adults of the Expedition per Brig Bourne are well. & then by the Necessary are improving. I have before informed you of the loss of two viz Scott & a child of Watkins. By the Susan Elizabeth cartel is expected in a few days I shall give you every particular respecting persons & things &c. that may be valuable & interesting to the Board & new Emigrants.
Among the papers which I now forwarded you will perceive one of a letter from a Mr Brent of New York who seemed to have some hopes & appeared to imbibe a strong interest in the affairs of the Colony.
I think it might be well for you to write to Capt Mason of the Steam Packet of New York. the appears to be a candid man of respectable standing in his profession & would doubtless communicate whether that you might use to advantage - I also send you the Corporation of the Original deed from Kings Naamah, Bobo & Bapbro. which I have ever neglected sending until now through mistake.
I have thought proper to take a bag & part of tobacco from Capt Mason at 16 dollars per hundred & you will doubtless see that circumstances necessary it. I have been obliged to spend in my tour up the Cavally about two hundred Dollars worth of trade goods, including what was actually purchase money or duties, as it was demanded in the deeds. I have not yet included the Half Cavally property &c. but it will be necessary to do so. [illegible]

heard as they have beforehand. I think it by all means advisable immediately to visit King Peter & treat with him & the whole Kings interested. They are more well disposed to effect a negotiation & should be glad to close with them at once. they will become jealous, & when they find out that we are not perhaps perhaps decidedly averse to any arrangement of the kind. This & the Half Cavally affair will require nearly as much more. If you will see by the invoice that the whole amount of trade goods by the Harmony including all the bleached cotton & cloth cost little exceeded Six hundred Dollars. I am also fearful that the next Expedition may come without tobacco as the Brig Bourne. & we have but a half hhd now on hands. I have nearly secured a years stock of rice, say 800 or 1000 bushels. Should a quantity of Tobacco come cost I can dispose of this to any English vessel for the amount I pay for it. I have also taken a small costs of beads at a low price than they can be purchased, or than they have been purchased in Baltimore. they come to here that one bar or half a Dollars worth in trade costs at most 15 cents. To make up the draft to round numbers I have also taken ten pieces of Romals at two dollars fifty cents per piece. each containing 12 handkfs - or three handkfs badly 25 pr ct but sometimes quite them for any purpose understood. - I hope & trust the Board will approve of this course, of the acquisition of territory, at least so far as I propose to pursue it. When accomplished it will set the whole matter at rest, & we then can give our opposition from foreigners, & trouble from the obstinacy of the natives any powerful native tribes. We can then hold out ill reasonable inducement to any crown of Capital who may be disposed to purchase a respectable plantation. & the quantity of Emigrants land can be increased if it is ultimately thought desirable. I am sure you cannot disapprove of this plan.
Let me take the liberty again to suggest to you the expediency of communicating with Capt Mason, & state to him the particulars on which you may require information

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