"can't fit it." & the majority of them would be averse to our employing it if they considered we were able to protect ourselves, not from actual open force, but from pilfering. The sole good which a large majority of them can expect from the connexion, is the advantage of your [illegible] You will not infer from this that we or nothing would be the result of our taking possession of any part of our purchase when we shall require it. As we advance we become more powerful & this circumstance the ill designing & ignorant. The more intelligent & better class, in the mean time become sensible of our good intentions, & the advantages to be derived from our intercourse with us & gladly avail themselves of our influence in putting down the turbulent & unruly. They at least assist us in the security of our rights & property. In our contract. I conceive we have obtained all that could be reasonably expected or desirable at this time. We free & unrestrained intercourse with all tribes & an acknowledged right to territory to an almost unlimited extent when required. Our future relations with them will be amicable or otherwise just in proportion to the nature of our intercourse & to our oneness in wealth & power. In them we have the same material for forming an industrious & powerful government. & by proper measures I trust will be sure to effect this. This is not theory deduced from vague & indefinite reasoning, but my firm opinion, supported by the fact that some fifteen months my own immediate observation during an intercourse with this same people for upwards of two years. On the first settlement of Cape Palmas we stood in the same relation to the inhabitants of the neighbouring towns, that we now do with regard to those of our newly acquired territory & this but reasonable to suppose that our future intercourse with these will produce similar results. & I have but to give you correct information with regards to what I conceive to be the effect which the establishment of the colony has produced upon those in our immediate vicinity in order that you may form some conception of the vast field of usefulness which the operations of your Society have already opened to the Christian & philanthropist. But be not too sanguine, nor expect that the inhabitants of Cape Palmas are already a civilized christian people, or that the majority of them are not averse to any foreign innovation or improvement. To a superficial observer they are the same in dress, naked, grovelling savages, we found them two years since. but to one who is not only acquainted with the Aborigine character, but who personally knows almost every individual & has frequent & interesting intercourse with them in both an individual & public capacity, they present a very different aspect. I have in a former communication stated to you that they paid no regard to a solemnly ratified contract. this was fact. & supposed that they had no correct moral sense. certainly not what we would term such. They were no doubt sensible that they was wrong. they knew that it was so termed by us. but this availed nothing so long as they possessed neither conscience nor a sense of shame to incite them to the performance of a different course of conduct. Now in this respect there has been a material change, whether induced by our precept, example or power or all combined, it matters not. & at this time no respectable inhabitant of our neighbouring towns will forfeit his word sooner than or perhaps as readily as any plausible pretext than a denying even in civilized life.

Stealing stolen that theft was tolerated & even considered praiseworthy in case the affair was managed adroitly. & from this habit we suffered severely & long. & do so now to some extent. but it at one time seemed irremediable. No course seemed to promise any alleviation from our sufferings in this respect until from long intercourse with us, they found that a change must be effected or such serious consequences would ensue as would effectually prevent this colony reaping any of the proposed advantages arising from a connexion with the

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