thirty six. As soon as they made their appearance, which they did in a body, I pointed to the paper and told them that was the "book, for them to ~~put their names to~~ sign. King Freeman asked me to read book to him which was of course done, with much explanation. I now asked him to come up to the table and put his name to the book and have his head men do the same. The King said no, and shook his head. After some discourse with his people, he said "That was old book, he no be a new fine book; he be the same book, old gubner fool King first time. I protested that I had just made it and that I had read it correctly, and if the book was written over it would be the same as it now was. I perceived that it contained something they did not want in it, or, that they wanted something else introduced, and did not like to ask for it. I could not convince them it was a new book and of course had to make another and go over the explanation again word by word. The King stood at my elbow ready to ask for something to be put in, but the book was finished before he was aware of it; he took his chair and sat down. I now asked him again, to sign the paper, and he once more refused, saying he wanted a farm for himself left out of the book. I now lost all ~~of my~~ patience, I thought of Job, and his stock all to no purpose, I ~~flung~~ threw down my pen ~~down~~, took one turn ~~across~~ crossed the room and told the interpreter if they had come here to ~~fool~~ trifle with me, to tell them to go home imediately. King Freeman now said "where is the book, let people sign it, they want to go home. The paper was then signed by their mark, as follows King Freeman. (head men) Pear, Soldier King, (which is the same, meaning as a military Captain) Crah, Palm King, governor Queer, Queer, Dwah and Baphro, on the part of the inhabitants of the native towns of Cape Palmas. Witness. Oliver Holmes, Samuel F. McGill. I now gave them their dashes and they went home apparently well satisfied ~~and~~ after shaking my hand ~~first~~. The day at last arrived for them to settle the thief palaver, and passed without being noticed by them ~~for the purpose~~. I imediately ordered all intercourse between ~~them~~ the natives and the colony to be stoped. ~~The~~ The same night I had the pleasure to see King Freeman and some of his Head men come into my door, with rather long faces. After a short ~~time~~ silence, the King asked why I did not buy his, and his peoples rice to day? I told him I did not intend to have any trade with him or his people, until all palaver was "sett", nor would I trust him or any of the Cape Palmas people, or hire any of his people to work for me until ~~they have settled~~ this unpleasant affair should be ended. He said that the other governor made palaver with him for stoping trade and now I had stoped trade. I told him he could stop his own people from trading when ever he pleased, as I had done with mine, but that he had no right to try to stop others from trading with me. He said true, and to be friends for me and to have trade with me he had come to let me know that his people had found who had shot pig, and stole potatos; that soon as he heard it he came to let me know it; that it was the same persons I had told him, and if I said they must pay, they must; that he no like thief man. I told him he had done a good "fash", this time and I would let his people off easy this time on account of it. I told him they must pay one Bullock for the hogs, and another for the potatos, and they must be large and fat. He consented after some talk

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