and I dismissed them, telling the King he was now responsible for the payment. The next morning the King, his head men and two Bullocks were waiting long before I was out of bed. After being anoyed by the jabbering of the natives for some time, I arose, and half dressed, gave them audience. After this thief business had been narrowed down to a few simple transactions ~~requisite for settling it~~; they insisted on ~~these rascals must~~ have some more palaver, and to my supprise I found upon facing them that something more was to be done than simply taking charge of the Bullocks, ~~I found that~~ Every man of any note among them, was for having trust to buy rice for me. I made sure of the Bullocks and put the palaver off until after breakfast. Breakfast being over, they were all again present with an addition of thirty or forty more. I told them my saying, ~~that~~ I would not trust them if the palaver was not settled, was not saying I would if it was, and I was not to be frightened by their coming in numbers to demand it, but on the contrary it was very different, for if the King and one or two of the principal people of the different towns had come in a proper manner, I would have trusted them to some extent, ~~some~~, and now I would trust none of them, this did not answer to stop palaver, on the contrary they appeared determined to have trust. After spending the whole morning in palaver and trying my best to reason the matter with them to no purpose, I again lost all patience. I told them I would trust when I pleased, or let it alone, and it was none of their business, and of course they could not make palaver of it; But if they were determined to have the stove they could try to take it, and if I was strong enough I would ~~they~~ keep it, and punish them for their conduct

The King said "It was true, one White man spose he be Pickaninny (a child) he was pass all country man for bar side; he no want to fight," all I had said was true. They then wanted a "dash for be friend;" I told them no, it would be too much like paying them for doing right, and home they went. In the afternoon the King came into my back door with three of his principal men. He said they had come to beg me for a little trust, and as they had come in a proper manner I must not refuse them. I had either now to trust them or have another palaver and I chose the former, since which they have paid for their goods. All of these palavers are much alike; every time you must rehearse to them all of the advantages of your coming here, what you expect to do for them &c. A few days ago a son of one of the Head men of Half Cavally came here, and was detected stealing. I kept him in jail until his father released him by the payment of a Bullock and a Sheep. After I let him out of prison the Cape Palmas people caught him and demanded ten Bullocks, because ~~they said~~ they said if he had not been caught ~~the~~ the governor would have blamed them, and it would have "spoiled their good name, besides their having to pay for him." However they let him off by the payment of two, so that trying to steal two Handkerchiefs, worth twenty five cents, he had to pay about twenty dollars. Thieving, I believe, is rare among the Natives of Cape Palmas at this ~~present~~ time, although some months ago it was quite common. Even the King, I am credibly informed had a man whose business was to steal for him. Within two months, I have made them pay five Bullocks besides other things of less value, and they are so

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