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Dear Sir,

Since my last (Aug. 6) nothing of importance has happened to disturb our relation with the natives. Since the irruption of the Bush people into our territories guards have been stationed in various quarters, and regular night watches kept. Our Beach neighbors assure us that there is no necessity, but we put no faith in none: they even feign alarm from the war-like attitude of our colonists, but we tell them we are only acting on the defensive, and they can have nothing to fear, while they keep apart from our enemies.

The steps taken by the Barraway people to be revenged on us strikes all the rest of our Bush neighbors with astonishment. Several kings and head men have sent in their professions of unabated attachment to us, and messages also, that they shall visit us as soon as rice cutting is over to assist in whatever steps may be deemed best to be revenged on our enemies. Freeman, I find, is possessed of great influence in the Bush, and were he a man in whom we could rely, every thing could soon be satisfactorily arranged for an attack on the Barraway people; but he has deceived us so often, that most of the colonists are afraid to act in concert with his soldiers in a joint attack. They fear treachery whenever such a proposal is made, and it would be folly to leave our small force by sending part in the bush, unaided by some native force to attack the Barraways –

Freeman has promised to talk the palaver.

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