last night at our meeting: and I understand all the members of Congress present expressed their entire approbation of them.

I saw Lord Ashburton to-day - & am, at his request, again to visit him tomorrow.

I send the questions to which I think your answers may be given, & will thank you to let me have them as soon as you conveniently can. -

The other article you speak of as intending to publish, I think it will be very desirable to have in the appendix to our trial - Send it to me as soon as it is out. - I think I would not express any opinion in it as to the right of search -

Yours very respectfully

T J Key

13. Do you believe the Kings & chiefs on the Coast now engaged in the Slave trade could be compelled or prevailed on, by any, & what means, to abandon the trade? -

14. Do you believe the Slave trade can be effectually suppressed by any other means than by supplying the natives with trade goods by the substitution of lawful trade

1. How long & under what circumstances have you been acquainted with the Western Coast of Africa, the Colonies there established, & the course and extent of commerce on that coast, & the state of the Slave trade? -

2. State the present condition of these Colonies - particularly that of Cape Palmas & under what circumstances it was founded & at what expence, & how it is governed - & the number of Inhabitants in them all.

3. What is the nature & extent of the trade they carry on with the natives, & with other Countries?

4. What effects have they produced on the natives in their vicinity?

5. State the course & extent of the Slave trade as at present existing -

6. State the course & extent of the other commerce on that Coast, & the prospects of it increasing importance.

7. By whom & under what advantages & disadvantages is it now carried on?

8. What, in your opinion, is necessary to give our vessels the benefit of this trade?

9. What protection do these Colonies require?

10. Is or is not a Consul or Commercial agent or agents necessary on that Coast for the protection of the Colonies & American trade? & where should they reside?

11. Are not the Colonies rendering considerable aid & protection to American Commerce? -

12. How will the proper protection of these Colonies & the promotion of American trade on that coast, operate on the Slave trade?

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A. Letter Books

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