and occurred four years after the colony was begun it is material to know whether the difficulties which now exist at Cape Palmas between the Colored Governor & the Rev J. L. Wilson originated in the improper attempt of the Governor to extend his authority unduly, or in an improper effort of Mr Wilson to resist his Government. It should be remembered too that while a White man was Governor this difficulty did not arise, but shortly after a black man assumed the reigns of Government it began: Was Mr Wilson more disposed to resist a colored Governor than a White, or was the colored Governor more strict than his predecessor? Dr McGill says the difficulty originated from "the extreme "aversion of the white Missionary to be subject "to the authority of a colored man" & the fact above alluded to gives this opinion some support. The difficulty originated soon after a colored man became Governor, and from the resistance of a White Missionary to the operation of the regular law of the Colony upon a Colonist who had sworn to obey that law.

You proceed from Mr McGill's history of the case of John Banks to convict him of error in saying Banks was not a teacher at the time the fine was imposed but a Servant. I think your note entirely an error. Banks did not become a teacher until he had been with Mr Wilson for some years & as I understand not until the difficulty had arisen. Mr Wilson as I understand it not only resisted the enforcement & authority of Colonial law over Scholars & teachers, but also over all persons attached to the Mission, as servants or hirelings whether Colonists or Natives.

If I am in error — "the functionaries of the Board" can inform you & the real state of facts can be ascertained. I think Banks did not become a teacher until after the difficulties about his doing Military duty had arisen.

You add "we learn from an unquestionable source" &c &c Allow me to ask: Did your authority inform you, that this special arrangement was made, previous to the attempt to fine Banks, or subsequently & in order to obviate further difficulties? you will perceive the answer to this question will materially modify your note. If an arrangement was subsequently entered into, it cannot affect the merits of the previous difficulty but rather serves to prove a disposition on the part of Mr Crosby to meet the wishes & even prejudices of the Missionary & deviate from a general rule to gratify the Prudential Committee.

You will please recollect that these remarks are all made as to the real origin of the difficulties, & in this connection the language of Mr Wilson to Gov. Buchanan quoted by Dr McGill has an important bearing — as indicating the extreme ground taken by the Missionary at the time the first difficulties originated. Is there not

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