in that language 26 an offence to the Governor as great as well could be given & was it not well calculated to stir up the spirits of any one, not a poor crouched slave to resistence. The coloured Governor found a white man denying his authority – bidding defiance to his officers with legal process & assuming in an arrogant tone principles which if generally assumed would have been seditious. Was not this calculated to awaken his jealousy & if he had the soul of a freeman – lead him carefully to maintain his authority? Admit that afterwards the missionary, obeying the instructions of the Ex. Com. retracted his offensive words, that does not alter the fact as to the first origen of the difficulties. The offence had been given, the strife for mastery began & the coloured Governor & community set at defiance by a missionary.

We all know how difficult is the healing of quarrels. We all know how when jealousy of intentions is raised excited, the slightest event assumes importance, & therefore though in the progress of a difficulty usually both parties take wrong ground & bad measures – we lay the principle blame upon the aggressor & original wrong doer.

Amicus.

Nov. 3d 1842

Dr Hall I send you the above notes of what I intended originally to send direct to the Editor of the Puritan. I have considerable more to say on this subject if it can be of any avail. If you will let me hear at White Hall N.Y. by the 14th inst. or at Bennington Vt. on the 19th sending me any thing in your paper on the subject, perhaps I will continue the article.

Yours. J.B. Pinney

J.B. Latrobe Esq.

New York October 27th 1842

Dear Sir,

The enclosed copy of a letter from the Rev. Mr Freeman, Wesleyan Missionary at Cape Coast Castle, to Rev J. Beecham, Secretary of the Board of Wesleyan Missions, in England, contains charges of so extraordinary a nature against our Colonial enterprize at Cape Palmas, that I hasten to send it to you, for the information of the Board over which you so worthily preside. A copy of Mr Freemans letter was put into my hands by Bishop Soule, who was sent by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which held its session in Baltimore in May 1840, as a delegate to the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion which sat in London in July last, and who has just returned to New York. He procured the "Copy" through the Rev. Jabez Bunting a very distinguished member of the Wesleyan Conference, who had shown him the original letter with a view to inquire whether the reports of our Missionaries at Cape Palmas, did in any degree corroborate the intelligence contained in Mr Freemans letter. The Bishop, of course, contradicted the statements so far as he was enabled to do so upon negative authority, no similar complaints, or intimations having, at any time, been received from the Methodist Missionaries at Cape Palmas; but he could not controvert the assertions of the Rev. Mr Freeman, which appear to have been made upon the authority of the Revs Messrs Wilson & Gissold, who he says, had visited him at the Cape, on their new voyage of discovery.

Bishop Soule communicated the information contained in this letter to a large meeting of the Missionary Board of our Church, which was convened as a matter of course, to hear his report of matters and things touching the interests of the missionary cause, which he was requested to inform himself of, during his visit to our brethren in charge of it in G. Britain and on the Continent; and moreover he desired to know whether any information had been received by the Board during his absence, in relation to the important matters referred to by Mr Freeman – I was enabled from my former connection with the Board of Managers of the Maryland Colon. Soc. to state the original grounds

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