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Dear Sir, I had the honor of writing you by Bayne Latrobe, Capt. Allen, which left here on 15th ultimo. via Gambia, for U States. On 31 ult. the US Brig Porpoise, Capt Craven returned from Leeward, and two days after proceeded to survey Fish Town Bay, constrant to orders from Commodore Perry.

On 6th instant, Mr McGill and I proceeded on horseback to Fish Town, on a visit to the Governor, King & headmen, and to render every assistance, in our power, to Capt Craven. We were happy to find every thing in as favorable state as we could wish; and Capt Craven & officers much pleased with the harbor & surrounding country. I am proud, in being able to write, that Capt Craven's survey will bear us out in all we have said of the excellency of the harbor; the beauty of the country; & the civility of the natives. In fact he goes further, as he says there is water enough for the Macedonian Frigate within pistol shot of the beach; & as for the facilities of shipping or overhauling the riggings, or procuring water, he has seen nothing to be compared to it on the Western Coast of Africa.

True, the spring discovered belonged to the County Devil, & had never, from time immemorial, been used by native or civilised only to cook for his majesty when orations were offered; still by making a small offering, & invoking him to bear witness,

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