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Cape Palmas. Mar 26. 1846

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Dear Sir,

My letter by the brigantine Dent informed you that I had been invited to visit the Leeward Coast, and I was likely to succeed in getting the Kings & headmen of Tabou, Bofia, Half Bessiby, Grand Bessiby & Tahou to annex themselves and territories to and in Liberia.

It will be satisfying to you & the Board to be informed officially, that I have succeeded with all the above named kings, except Half Bessiby; the King & headmen of which, failed to appear at the Grand palaver, which I called at Bofia, (King George's town) on the 23 & 24th days of February.

Since my return, King William of Half Bessiby has sent up word that he would be at Cape Palmas in a few days to sign deeds of annexation as the other kings had done. I believe, I informed you that he had visited me in January last, principally for this object.

I feel under obligations to Capt Hunt of the Palestine who not only gave passage to myself but to my suite also, consisting of King Freeman, Gallon Mills, secretary and interpreter, & anchored one night to land us at the right spot in the morning. I feel bound to make him reasonable satisfaction. To you, on the other side of the Atlantic, it may seem a small affair; but I assure you, to visit them in a large vessel, the master of which appeared interested in our ultimate success, was of material aid to us in talking the annexation palaver.

By the Ariadne which arrived on the 7th instant, I have received a large schooner boat from Mr Gladding of Providence. This I ordered last July

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