they immediately sent them to me, and I had the pleasure of forwarding them to their country. Words cannot portray the gratitude of these poor creatures; they would have kissed my feet — they could hardly be convinced that they were in safety on Cape Palmas native town. This was highly gratifying as King Geo. Macaulay of Grand Sabou had written to me begging our influence, to have his people released. The return of the captives excited quite a stir through the Sabou country, and the head King (a very aged person whom I did not see only by representatives at the Grand palaver) has sent his thanks and word also to King Freeman, that one of the 3 Towns concerned was willing & ready to pay the "Bush palaver." We might depend on his making the other two Towns also pay. The palaver is in a fair train of being settled

Our influence with all the tribes is increasing, and if I desired it, I might almost dictate in their palavers, but this would be going to needless trouble & expense; and only separated never interfere. The long standing palaver between Grahway and Kroolly is finally settled and the former have rebuilt their town, which was burned down in the war. They still view each other (native fashion) with a deal of jealousy, and very little would open the palaver anew.

The Sauzeekahs (King Cava's people) have been fined during the year for their treatment of Colonists in the employ of the Methodist mission. From Mr Barns statement in the "Luminary" one would be led to believe, that the colonists were the sole cause of the palaver. Such is not the fact. Towards the close of 1845 the Big Town (Sauzeekah) people raised a palaver with J. B. Dennis then employed by M. E. Mission as teacher, and proceeded to beat him and ill treat his family. Upon the special request of Rev. Mr Hellerup, we interfered and levied a fine upon them. This fine they paid & the station remained vacant till 1846 when the party before spoken of were sent out to repair & erect new buildings, & a second palaver happened. This fine, we levied (without any request except from the colonists) and they have paid it also: proving that in both instances they were the aggressors. Since old King Cava's decease, no one has been chosen to fill his place, till lately, by my persuasion Quiah of Gedibah, one the chiefmen of the country — highly friendly to the colony, has been elected & installed King. We now hope for better times, as all palavers arose from the want of a regular King over the country.

We have heard of two attempts being made by the Pahs to reach the colony, but the jealousy of the intermediate tribes is too great is too great even to allow them to pass without fighting their way. There are several tribes, & if they could only unite they would soon reach Cape Palmas, much to our gratification. This fighting they must do, if they wish direct intercourse with us. We have done our part by penetrating to their country, amidst difficulties innumerable, of which a person in U States can have but little idea.

Our free schools. The two schools supported by you, have done well during the year, & been well attended all things considered. The average attendance at F. School was 25 1/2 at the Girls school 19 —. We feel sadly our disappointment in losing Mrs Thornton, but as the Episcopal mission have kindly opened a free school for colonists girls, under her, we shall not be so much the losers in the end.

I am of the opinion that parents generally, begin to feel it important to give their children a good education. One family in the bush, make a point to send their neatly clad, regularly to school — and really the good example set by them, cannot be lauded too highly. I allude to Thomas Gross & wife. While on this, I beg to inform you, that we stand in need of Gaullaudets & Hookers Spelling Book — a common school apperatus, like those in use in N York Free School and a few of globes. We have never received either, and I am to blame for not bringing the matter forward before. In a poor community like Cape Palmas every thing will depend upon the solid education which

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