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Proclamation

Whereas the native kings George of Bassa – George Macaulay of Grand Tabou – Crah of Tabou river – the true & lawful kings of the Tabou country & headmen – Whereas king Nimlo & Governor Yellow Will of Bassa – the true & lawful king & Governor of the Bassa country & headmen – Whereas kings Darbo & Tom of Grand Berely – the true & lawful kings of the Grand Berely country & headmen – Whereas king George of Tabou, the true & lawful king of the Tabou country & headmen, have, by formal deeds of Cession to the Maryland State Colonization Society, executed at Bassa, on the 23rd & 24th days of February A.D. 1846, annexed themselves, subjects & territories to this Commonwealth and become a part thereof:– it is hereby enjoined on all the citizens of this Colony to honor the said kings & headmen of the aforesaid countries with all due respect, as the true & lawful rulers thereof – to receive the subjects of said kings as citizens of our common country, & not as strangers; and further, it is enjoined on all Magistrates & civil officers to have justice fairly meted out to them in all palavers; & that they have free passage through our common country without hinderance.

Given under hand & seal at Government House, Harper, Cape Palmas, this third day of March A.D. One thousand, Eight hundred & forty six.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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