The wreck has been for some weeks anchored off Grahway reef, while I could get no vessel to assist me: now that Hamburger is willing, it cannot be found. Some pieces of thick poplar plank have been seen in the hands of the Cavally people with bolts of copper; hence I conclude, that she has gone to pieces or sunk, after her casks of oil came out or got stove. I have only heard of two casks oil being saved at the Cavally.

I have been quite unwell for the last 4 mos. from being salivated, and taking a heavy cold. A few weeks ago became seriously alarmed from bleeding of the nose, which continued nearly three hours. The physicians imputed it to a change in the weather. I am still quite feeble and likely to continue so, unless we get some flour &c from U States. We are waiting anxiously for an arrival from U States - Where is the Packet? Where are S. R and Angelina? I dont write them by this opportunity, as I hope they will be safely at home, long before you receive this. My young ones are all well, but more trouble than I expected when from me they left.

In my dispatch, I observed that the "King Freeman" was cut up on the beach by Andrews' people. The palaver has been talked and I have demanded two cows oil as damages. If I could get one of our small men of war to second me, I believe the whole amount might be recovered: but hitherto they have been very unwilling to interfere in our palavers. I can, I suppose, by waiting catch some of the Pedee people but as I trade there all the time in my boats & canoes, I suppose I might be a loser by causing an interruption in our trade. Old Black Will is dead & young B. Will is made some kind of a king.

We have had no man of war here since June 17 when U. S. Brig Boxer called on her way to Leeward. Has one only stopped during August, one might have received the "Cavally", but it was indeed otherwise. We are trying hard to erect an Episcopal church near Ladies School house for Rev Jno. Payne, who has been quite successful in

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