

assailed on all sides. An action has been brought against him which will be tried at the April term, how he will manage to extricate himself in the absence of Gov. I cannot tell - I shall take care myself that no disorders arise in consequence of the very great accident in which he is held.

I hope Cassell holds the appointment of Sledge, for even tho' somewhat inexperienced, he is vastly superior to the Vice Agent who has presided the past year and must still preside: he is ignorant and Tom Jackson is mischievous & tyrannical, so that the Court have become absolutely where no sensible man likes to be concerned.

The River Cavalla and Graway people have again commenced hostilities with the Half Cavallas, they have had three engagements within the last month, in all of which the latter came off best, on the 15<sup>th</sup> the Half Cav. Stomach, took and destroyed two of the River Towns. Killed eight and wounded fifteen.

It will be useless to consume time and labour in reconciling matters between them again, it is a task that I undertook and accomplished two years ago - when the Half Cavallas (who were victorious having destroyed the Towns on the River and those of Graway) consented that they should rebuild and occupy their Towns again: this has hardly been completed before the River people sallied forth and made an attack upon the Half Cavalla; they have been licked as they deserved to be, and now the war will not cease until one or the other is driven entirely away or exterminated. Quarter is never given, they decapitate men, women & children. If I can possibly spare time I must go down and try to stop this that is to induce both parties to spare women & children.

Palm is very scarce and has been since December last the Natives have been engaged about their Farms, they are now planting in six weeks we may look for Oil, and I hope in plenty, the scarcity of Oil is not confined to our neighbourhood only but is general above & below our Colony.

Wozell is now away in our Schoop, in search of Rice by a letter from him written at Berkeley I am informed that he has not yet succeeded in purchasing a single grain, and will proceed on to St Andrews and work below it. I should feel some apprehension for his safety among these savages, but that I have placed on board and always keep them a Cannon, and plenty of ammunition and small arms.

I am in hopes the Brig may get arriv'd before the departure of this vessel, so that I may get your letters previous to closing mine - Mr Prout will doubtless write to you respecting the affairs of the Agency - I have told him of its being the best opportunity he can have.

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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