

except St Thomas; for our roads, ^{streets} do not furnish us with
gold dust — our Springs, wells and rivers afford us
plenty of water for drink and ablution. When this,
we need not fear the guinea worm in our water.

I saw several very intelligent gentlemen of color — among
whom is Mr Bartels of Elmina, said to be the richest
merchant on the west coast. Most of these, are natives
of the coast, educated in Europe, where they now have to
send their sons to enjoy the same advantages.

Since my return, I hear a war is waging by the English
French and Dutch against the King of "Appalonia",
who some few months ago, treacherously killed the
Governor, Physician and other officers of the French set-
tlement at Assinee river. The particulars I shall
endeavor to send you for publication as ^{soon as} the latter ar-
rives. At present, I believe the naval force off Appolonia
is no less than ten men of War & Steamers, and nearly
all the regulars and militia from the different Forts.
The Appaloniaans find themselves between two fires,
as they are at war with some interior tribe. The civil-
ized wish to drive them off the beach — an affair rather
difficult, so far as I am informed. I believe the Cape
Lahou people are under the jurisdiction of the King of
Appolonia.

The new emigrants are doing very well — four families
have been placed on their farms or lots, and houses
are being erected for ⁽⁵⁾ five more. The scarcity of lumber
has retarded their completion. The scarcity of rice has
been great during my absence, but they can have
no cause to complain, as they have had full rations
in rice, corn meal, bread and potatoes — besides
having flour bread baked for them every other day

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