for striving according to his knowledge to live soberly and godly in this present life. These remarks are made to inform distant friends of the difficulties, which the faithful missionary has to encounter in this land of pagan darkness. No man has a greater name for devotion to his work than Mr Freeman, among civilized residents and transient foreigners.

[illegible]served another curious native custom at Accrah — that of keeping out of their graves, raised on poles 6 or 8 feet above the earth, the poor man who has died insolvent. This course, the relations are compelled to adopt from necessity, if unable to pay his debts: as the native though under European laws, in all matters in which Europeans are a party, still have native judges, appointed by the different governors, to settle all palavers among themselves, according their customs & laws. While at Cape Coast, I met at Revd Mr Freeman's, prince John, one of the two young Ashantees who were educated, some 5 or 6 years ago, in England by the Missionary Society & the Government. I can say nothing of his acquirements as he hardly spoke during dinner. He has a dull heavy countenance with very little of civilization in it. The other young prince (so called) resides at Cmassie, bearing some petty commission from the Government. Prince John, much to his credit, prefers residing under the care of Mr Freeman — having visited his country and relations returned to Cape Coast. And while on this subject, I may as well observe, that the Governor of C. Coast Castle & Revd Mr Freeman have lately paid a visit to the King of Ashantee, with an escort of 50 soldiers from the fort. They remained nearly a fortnight at Commassie, & were received & treated with great respect. While there, they witnessed a review of 50,000 Ashantee troops who marched by the royal tent, under which they sat: composing I suppose the largest body of native troops on this continent. It was their good fortune & happiness to save the lives of several human victims who were about to be offered: for what object they could not inform them — perhaps on

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