I am happy to inform you that since the date of my last communication to the Board nothing has occurred to disturb the tranquility of our Colony, nor to interrupt the friendly relations existing between us and the Natives in our vicinity.

Wars between different tribes inhabiting our territory still continue, three engagements have taken place within the last two weeks. One between the tribes occupying opposite banks of the Gavaway River resulted in the entire destruction of three towns and the death of fifteen souls, men women & children. Another between the Worabo & Saudika people, in which two persons were killed and a town burnt, and the third between the tribes named in my last letter, at Cavalla River. These six tribes are directly engaged in strife and as many more are in some way indirectly engaged in aiding and abetting. Our efforts to prevent the frequency of these wars are limited to arguments & persuasions. We strive to convince them by referring to past events, that they are ruinous to the prosperity of our common country. I am sorry to say however that we fail in convincing them. The diffusion of the knowledge and light that emanates from the Gospel of Christ, can alone dispel the cloud that obscures the mental vision of the poor African, and we have every reason to rejoice in the hope that exists within us that the Almighty will bless with eminent success, the labours of those who are engaged in the spread of the Gospel.

The Board will be pleased to learn that since the agitation of the question of Independence the Colonists here have extended their farming operations, are labouring with a spirit and energy which if continued, afford a fair hope of successful results. Since the sailing of Packet in Sept. last there has been over sixty acres of land cleared (in addition to what was before under cultivation) and planted with Cotton, Coffee & Cocoa.

The Cotton planted at the Public Farm and at Mr. Tubman is said by those acquainted with its growth to be doing very well. The Coffee crop is being gathered. I would here enquire if there is any known method of cleaning Coffee by machinery, information on this subject is very desirable.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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