

opposition to the appointment of a member of the same family as his successor in office. A Committee of five, (Rev. F. Burns, Rev. Drayton, Messrs. Hunt, Wood, & Stewart) were appointed to draw up a petition to the Society, requesting: First that the Society would appoint a Governor whom the people here did not know, and secondly that as an especial favor they would not appoint Mr. Gill.

The first named three of the Committee refused to act, the remaining two Wood & Stewart, have not since been able to get up a meeting.

King Freeman visited me two days after Gov. Russwains departure and told me that Stewart & Bowen had advised him and his people to attend a meeting with the Colonist, and join with them in their opposition to my governing. "I and my people" said the King "have for several years past, known that Mr. Gill was Assistant Agent, he has always been present and assisted in settling palavers, and during the temporary absence of Gov. R. has always acted in his place, and the Colonist obeyed him. Now altho' we are not all satisfied with his being so yet we recognise him as Governor of the Colony, and respect him as such. We are determined to await a hearing from Mr. Satribe when if his appointment is made permanent we will be satisfied." I thought some of our official men among the Colonist might have profited by taking council of this Native African.

For the proper transaction of our Colonial business, for a due attention to our friendly relations with surrounding Native tribes and for the safety of the Colony as long as I am in charge I can venture to give you every assurance; aided by Divine Providence I shall use my utmost endeavours to maintain the Colony in as fair condition as it was found, and to smooth the way for the successful operations of your New Agent.

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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