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Stonover August 1851  
Honorable Agent & Council

Sirs  
Your humble petitioners  
beg your excuse for taking the liberty to write to  
you in such case, but necessity compels us to do so,  
as our grievances are of such nature that we cannot  
help it at present.

Therefore we now present them before you, if it  
meets your approbation, and hope that you will  
receive them and sympathize with us.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> July last a few gentlemen of the Colony  
attempted to raise a flag in the Colony and to cele-  
brate the birth of the Republic of Liberia which is  
contrary to our law and against the will of the people  
from which never has there been so much disturbance  
in Cape Palmas before, never has there been a time  
when the people has been so near shedding each others  
blood only on account of the subject of annexation  
with the Republic.

Sirs, if we are dependant to the Colonization Society  
and are willing to receive what they have to give, let  
us do so. Therefore we your humble petitioners pray  
the honorable body to pass some act to prohibit  
those of our Colony from raising any flag or flags  
in the Colony, representing any other country or nation  
while they reside in the same in accordance with

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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