

Therefore taking into consideration the foregoing premises, the following articles of treaty are entered into between the Agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society and Governor of Maryland in Liberia, and King Freeman and Headmen of the native towns of Cape Palmas.

Article 1. The King and Headmen of Cape Palmas, the names of whom are hereto annexed, and their successors in office, in consideration of the promises above recited, and the covenants hereinafter contained to be performed on the part of the Governor of Maryland in Liberia, do hereby give to the Governor and to his successors in office, and to four other gentlemen of character and respectability to be named by him, the right to ask and demand the delivery of the persons of all or any natives of their tribe living in Cape Palmas, who may hereafter be required to drink Sassy Bark Infusion for every day and to demand and release from their hands any individual who may have been compelled to drink the same for sovery at any moment before it proves fatal to life.

Art. 2. It is agreed between the parties, that where natives are charged and proved guilty of Capital crimes, such as wife murder, arson and the like, the penalty of which is death the natives shall be permitted to administer "Sassy wood" without being interfered with, providing the criminal is not driven for execution on the streets and roads of the Colony.

Art. 3. It is further agreed that no native, nor party of natives, shall ever interfere to obstruct or hinder the rescue of any man or woman when it is being done by authority of the Governor, or when it is being done by either of the four gentlemen who have been regularly appointed on by their successors - and that where the enmity or ill will of accusers may induce them to offer opposition to such rescue, the native soldiers old and young bind themselves to aid and assist the Governor and his officers in their humane purposes.

Art. 4. No American colonists other than those duly ap-

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