

and ready for a general engagement. Upon enquiry it was ascertained that the American had been confined in a house merely to save him from further injury.

We have been on the look out for many years, for some favorable moment for effectively declaring our repugnance to witnessing the barbarous murders that are so frequently perpetrated, by the Sassy Wark ordeal, in full sight of our very doors. When the poison fails in its deadly effects, they not infrequently treat accused parties most inhumanly, and at last beat them to death with clubs. We have taken advantage of the present outrage on one of our Citizens to insist upon the abolition of the custom. It would be tedious to enter into a detail of all the arguments used on the occasion, as we were "palavering" the best part of two days: we have not succeeded in the full accomplishment of our objects, yet we have had conceded to us powers which if determinedly yet prudently exercised, will in time inevitably lead to the ^{total} suppression of the Custom. We can now with justice exercise our humane efforts to save these poor wretches from being murdered in our Colony, without encroaching on what is considered the reserved rights of the natives. You will herewith receive a copy of the treaty and of the letters of instruction to Messrs. Cassell Stewart, Fletcher and Roger M. Gill who have been appointed to carry it into effect.

Application has been made to me by a number of the Natives of this place for the aid and protection of this Government in the establishment of a town on the West side of Cavalla River above Denah. The scheme originated from Salm, a Brother of the King and is warmly supported by your old acquaintance Simleh Ballah. These men advance very good, and sensible reasons for desiring the movement, and I feel satisfied that they are in earnest, if time permits I will furnish you with a copy of their arguments to induce us to grant them our aid. I am strongly inclined to favor their plans as I believe they will ultimately result in the removal of the entire tribe, whom we can purchase their present towns.

The subject was brought before the Colonial Council at its last session, and was favorably considered by three fourths of that body

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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