

still, it was thought best to let it lie over for further consideration. Should it finally be determined, that we afford the natives our aid & protection, I shall endeavor to attach to it the following conditions.

1. A certain number (not less than sixty) of men with their families shall commence the proposed settlement, and a certain number annually thereafter shall join them, until none remain on the Cape.

2. The right of free passage on the river shall forever remain to all traders & travellers.

3. All differences arising between the inhabitants of the new town, and the tribes around it, shall be referred to the government for settlement. No aggressions shall be committed on other tribes.

4. In two, three, or four years after founding the new town, the present towns belonging to the Cape Palmas people shall be sold to the government, for a price to be determined on prior to our affording them aid or assurances of protection.

It is thought that the King of Bolob Country will grant them land for the new township free from all charge. Palm is now in the interior to make enquiry, if he finds every thing favorable, the land will be at once selected.

I have given the Cape Palmas people to understand distinctly, that we will not afford them any pecuniary aid, unless in part payment for the relinquishment of their towns here. The King will write to you; in answer to them it would be advisable to encourage the removal of all, but gradually, propose the immediate purchase of their towns allowing them two or three years before they will be required to place us in possession. A present directly from you would not be unacceptable to the King, this might be one or two hundred pounds of Tobacco, a Box of Pipes, and a Barrel of Mackerell.

We now venture to talk freely to the Natives about purchasing their towns, a few years back, we could not touch the subject without danger of a serious outbreak, the fact leads now to believe that they desire to remove.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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