

want not to live out of sight, but in "wheeling distance" of each other. We must so settle as to give each other elbow room, without confusion which we cannot do, all together, as we are now. We love to dance and play and sing with drums and other music. The Americans love to pray God. They have a sabbath it is sacred. We have none. They do not wish us to use that day as we do others. We too have our sacred days & things, that we do not wish them to handle roughly. They have a law and their mode of settling differences we have another, that they cannot bear. We do not understand theirs - they say ours is folly, and murder. Now here is the idea - I will not ask who should decide? but will say we are so close; our modes of life conflict with - what otherwise, would cause us to live as better - and as our mode of living and building is less expensive than yours - our habitations more easily ^{to} be moved a little further - we can give each other a little more room - But Hall knows we are poor - we want help - Other tribes do not like us - and we want Americans with us. We therefore propose - or lay before you what we have proposed to Gov. McMill - and others who seem with some few exceptions on both sides to favor the scheme - But we want help - There is a large beautiful well timbered and almost uninhabited tract of land about forty miles from this place, near the Cavally river. It can be purchased - at no very great price. To this place we want to go, large numbers of ^{us} which will leave more room for you, at this point. We wish to go if possible under Colonial protection. Any how with Colonial approbation. We do not wish this place purchased exclusively for us - we want that matter so arranged that now

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