

and the new government be put in operation  
on or before the tenth day of next month

The Proclamation to the Natives which the  
Board propose sending out to the natives should  
contain nothing touching the transfer of their  
rights, into the hands of the new government.  
It would have a better effect to establish  
the idea that your rights are in no way affec-  
ted by the change of government, and that  
any invasion of those rights will certainly  
be resisted through the agency of the Amer-  
ican Naval Commanders on this Coast. The  
Natives should also be led to believe that  
they have it in their power to appeal to  
the Society (Mr. Latrobe), whenever they  
fail in obtaining the redress for their  
grievances here.

To have the desired effect the present should  
be bestowed by the newly Elected Governor im-  
mediately after taking office, this I believe  
I have had the honor to state in former letters.  
It seems to me of so much importance, in secu-  
ring the influence of the new government  
that if the necessity seems as apparent to  
other persons of sound African experience  
whom I shall consult, I will venture to  
incur the censure, involved in the deviation  
from orders, to secure the benefit of the State.

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11. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

12. January 1853--April 1855

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