of utilities necessary to its operation, increases the doubt of its becoming very great until men of substance take it in hand, and develope those rich plants whose fruits &c, will offer commodities differing from the natural ones now in market to freight ships of foreign nations.— For this reason, I advise a moderation of commercial license sixty six & two thirds per cent.

I shall furnish in a day or two as true a statement of the finances, as I have been able to gather from the Treasurers account, and from other accounts furnished me since commencing my duties. By them you will be able to ascertain the real worth of your Treasury, and make such calculations therefrom, as will suit your Appropriation Bills.

Under this head, I would remark, that upon examination, I find the government buildings in a sad state. They want much repair. I find also that the Munitions of defence, except small arms, are far from being in an effective condition. Besides the Government is in want of ammunition.

I have, since commencing my official business, assembled the leading headmen of the different towns, within the precincts of Farroway and River Cavally, and informed them of the change in our Government, without leading them to infer that the protection we have heretofore had from vessels of war on this coast will at all be diminished. There is one tribe

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