from which no deputation has been received. The true cause of which, I am not, at present, prepared to report. The tribes, between the Rivers Cavally and San-Pedro, being too far distant, I deputed Mr Bowen to wait upon, and remind these of the leading and principle points of the treaties effected between themselves and the former government, years ago. They send assurances of friendship, with promises to meet, in every respect, the wishes and mandates of the Government. I have not had it in my power, as yet, to secure deputations, from the different, what is here called "Bush tribes," in our jurisdiction. But I must say, to you, Gentlemen, that our State was never less threatened with invasion, than at the present crisis. The most friendly feelings, as far as I can learn, prevails among the surrounding tribes toward us; and except for the difference which we maintain against the Poh River tribe, which despoiled the Padee People of the lands they held of us, as by right of tenure, and the petty factions existing between the Grahways and Half Cavally, I might say, with truth, that we are at peace. Under this head, there is one subject to which I would call your attention. I refer to negotiations with tribes, not beyond four or five days travel. It is there where a large amount of valuable productions might be brought to our Market, by sending out Commissioners to treat with their Chiefs, and open a way for

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