the new government, have been met with feelings of pleasure and an high sense of gratitude. — To judge from the present tone of feeling, and condi=
=tion of things, I can say with some assurance that the change in our po=
=litical affairs, affect the people for the better. — It has given to the less energetic and industrious, an independence of character, which argues favorably for their future success. — Looking to the Society for every little want, which the least effort, if put forth, could have procured, there were proofs of a lack of energy and self-reliance, which in young Communities, frequently have the most deleterious tendencies

Our relations with the native tribes, are peaceful. I have had but one case, which gave cause for regret, since commence=
=ing my duties. — I refer to the accidental shooting of a native by one of our citizens. — I have said nothing to the natives on the subject of purchasing the sites on which their houses stand, as yet. — It is a matter which I hold should be handled with care, and I felt it to be my duty first to ~~say~~ consult the Board about aid. — You will hear from me at some length on this subject by the next opportunity.

We have had two visits from Commodore Mayo, who on one of the occasions rendered me no small service by his presence in the settlement of a contention, of long standing, between the Grahways and Half Cavallys, as to their respective right to a certain piece of land by which their territories are joined. — The Sloops of war "Marion" and "Dale" have also called. — While speaking on this sub=
=ject, I would call your attention to the Half Cavally territory. — My better judgement aided by dicts of session, recented to the Society years ago through you as their Agent, is all that might be conceived im=
=portant to direct and govern me in this matter; but as you

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