and civilized people to independence, of course, the government could not tolerate the citizens of this Commonwealth in the act of purchasing property which of right belonged to British subjects, and the captain of the wreck at the same time trying to recover it from the plunderers for the benefit of his owners. The judicial tribunal before which the matter was laid for adjudication, decided the purchase to be illegal and willfully wrong, and therefore the purchaser had no right to re= =tain the property in question. —

Uninterrupted by war and its distressing consequences, as our position has been, we have nevertheless had cause for dissatis= =faction. The differences between the Nefau and Padee tribes, of which mention was made in my last address to you, have had a deleterious in= =fluence upon the interior Garroway trade. Bickerings between the van= =quished and vanquishers, without any attempt of late at actual hos= =tilities, have spread their influences over the two divisions of the Prem= =bah people, and kept them in a state of perpetual ferment and quar= =rel with each other, and thereby blocked up the passages of trade. Measures were about being put in motion to reconcile these interior dif= =ferences; ~~finding~~ but finding upon due consideration how little might be effected in that direction until peace was established between the Nefaus and Padees by a reinstatement of the latter into their rightful home, the matter was finally given up. — It is due to the Padees by treaty that some steps should be taken on the part of this government to assist them to reclaim their lost possessions. — Their misfortune by war, having happened before the commencement of the present government, the subject of it has been left untouched, fearing to involve our people in diffi= =cult and painful wars, without the means and facilities necessary to effect permanent and satisfactory ends. —

While the above evils had their retarding influences up= =on our commercial growth, others equally insufferable presented them= =selves. — The paths leading through the Kraitah and Barrikai juris= =dictions from the interior, were blocked up, and a considerable drawback on products which had found their way through those channels to our

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