market followed. Thrice were deputations sent by this government to the Chiefs of those respective tribes, with earnests of good feeling, to induce them to come in, and negociate a treaty with the Authorities, in order to remove the present restrictions and to obviate future difficulties of similar nature. — Fair promises of compliance were the only returns made. —

This painful depression of our commercial interests — judging from reliable information — was brought about by the Half Cavallys — a people to whose perfidy and fraudulence may be added this act, in connection with others of equal enormity. In January last, with wanton audacity, and with threats at appeal to arms in order to intimidate, they dispossessed the river people of a tract of land known as a portion of our territory, and which the latter always used being the original owners. — Fearing that war would follow this unwarrantable act, the Executive visited Half Cavally, and urged upon that people the propriety of their letting the land be tile after harvest, when the deeds of it would be consulted, and a Survey taken on it. In return for this advice, a denial was made; but fearing serious results might follow, the place was afterwards left. — Interdicts against the free passage of these several tribes through the christian division of our country, at first suggested themselves as the best course to be pursued under the circumstances; but an ~~scarcity~~ approaching scarcity of grain, and the insufficiency of home productions to maintain anything like a general stoppage of the avenues of interchange — the only effectual course, as supplies at any time, under a partial restriction, could be had by the unfriendly through the privileged tribes — induced the Executive to abide further proceedings in these relations for the present; and this naturally leads to moments consideration of the agricultural condition of the State. —

In reflecting upon the subject of our agricultural condition, I am at a loss to fix upon any point worthy suggestion, to encourage its practical operation here, beyond the narrow confines to which

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