Of course as is usual about such "God-sends" the natives plundered her, and among the goods taken, were the Chronometer and a compass. The Captain of the ill-fated vessel begged to have these articles restored to him, and the natives had consented by promise to do so; but Bowen, whose sloop then lay at Garroway, immediately visited Fah river, and by offer of money induced the natives (while the Captain was there) to sell these valuables to him. The Agent of the concern whose vessel was cast down as far as Grand Sess. immediately wrote ~~to the windward~~ to the Windward; and the matter in all its bearings was subsequently laid, by letter from the late Master, before the British Consul at Monrovia. A despatch from him requesting an investigation of the affair induced me (after urging Bowen to give the things up, and which demand was not respected) to force him to compliance by a legal process, which could not be effected till the first Monday of August - this month. - In the mean time a few of the disaffected conceived the state of public feeling to be opportune for carrying out some malignant designs. Drayton, from what I have been able to learn was the leader in working upon the feelings of the people; and I am sorry to announce that poor Mr Cassel, who is a good kind of a soul, but with very little sense about matters of high and grave character, became the dupe of his influences. Their object was to stop the course which I had intended to take in the premises; and public meetings were called to estimate grievances against the Executive - some of which were absolutely ludicrous - For instance, a hole cut in the bottom of the door of the Secretary's office to admit the cat, as the rats were running riot with every thing - books and papers were not allowed to remain on the table at night for them. But our Monster antagonist and his Emissaries soon found their mistake. The great body of the people upon finding out the real intention of these meetings, met them and put an everlasting silence to their proceedings. This recreant set since Bowen's fall at Court is looking very shy and badly - as well they may; for I am no "gentleman tender heart", and will do my duty. - Had Bowen been allowed to keep these articles, I known not what would have been the consequences. A petty independent State authorizing and licensing its citizens to become accomplices in plundering and stripping distressed foreigners, and turn them off with abuses - What a picture!

We are expecting the deeds of Cession, and the Seals for the government by every opportunity from the U. States.

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