

Mr Prout was deposed by a large majority
of the citizens in Decr last, and since then
Gov B. J. Drayton has discharged the duties of
Chief Executive. His ^{Mr Prout's} constant drunkenness
and other things had rendered him quite un-
popular among a people who not very many
months previous had almost worshipped
him; when seizing and imprisoning in one
of his drunken moods a number of men
from Poor River sent by their King with
a bullock to dash him and to "talk some
palaver", he so exasperated the people that they
declared he should no longer govern them
and after some three or four days in which
there was every indication of the swift approach of
a civil war, he finally agreed to have no
more to do with the executive affairs. I
must now close hoping to write a few ^{lines} more in
the morning

I have the honor to
be your Obedt Servt
Joseph G. Brown
JG B

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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