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Harper, May 30 1856.

Dear sir:

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Believing that you are all-ways anxious to know something about our doings and how we fair in our momentary undertaking, I avail myself of this Schooner, bound for New York, to inform you that the war between the Rock-horn and Cape Palmas tribes, was settled a few weeks ago. A war, if we had permitted it to continue, would have proven disastrous to the whole of the neighboring country, and no doubt been the cause of hunger among all classes.

Commander Thomson, of the U. S. Brig Dolphin, being in port at the time, was solicited to co-operate with the government in the affair, as we had reasons to believe that one of the parties was inclined to be obstinate. The matter however, I am please to say, was adjusted with but little damage. The Rock-horn tribe, for their downright obstinacy, lost a house; as we were compelled to throw a few shots over and into the town, before they would obey. Capt Thomson, deserves much praise for his promptness and decision in the affair, and the interest he manifested for our welfare.

I am of the opinion, sir, that our decision in that affair will have good effect all along the beach.

We had the good fortune to settle a war of long-standing between the Srenabros themselves, living into the Interior of the Parraway Territory. A few members of a town concerned in the war, are disposed to oppose peace, but those who hold the balance of power in the war, have declared — peace. No better point for rice & oil than at Parraway, especially, when the interior inhabitants are at peace.

It behoves us, on just and equitable principles, to struggle manfully to maintain our authority over the territory we own, for the purpose in our view; of realizing a sufficient trade to give a stronger impetus to foreign commerce, where from, we can only hope; for some time to come, to receive sufficient revenue to sustain the government, and it is

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