The immediate Concurrent Circumstances that gave rise to the difficulties between the Colonist and the Cape Palmas, and Grawway tribes during the month of January 1856. the Cape Palmas people and Rocktown people had some dispute growing out of question of land the farming of Kikie - the Palmas people whose title was clear had been forbidden by the Rocktown people. from cutting Kikie - the Palmas people paid no attention to them the Rocktown people continued to warn the Palmas people from clearing the land for cultivation each party however claimed the land in dispute by indefeasible right. the Palmas people had cleared off several acres for farming. the Rocktown people threatened them with war if they did not desist clearing the land in question. At this juncture the matter became of an alarming character. the Government interposed its friendly office to prevent hostilities. the Government requested the Rocktown tribe's to send a Deputation to meet a similar Deputation from the Palmas tribe's. to enable the Government to gleam all the facts in the case. with the View to decide the question at issue amicably this request meet the immediate response of the two tribes. an early day was designated for the Conference. pursuantly the two tribes through their respective Deputation convened in Conference. the Government heard their several cause of complaints attentively - the Government having given the subject ~~matter~~ mature consideration - the decision was announced. to wit that preparation for war was to be discontinued and their should be peace. the land in dispute was to be surveyed by Commissioners appointed by the Government the Boundaries staked each tribe's was to be present. by Deputies to witness the affixed boundaries. to which Boundaries each tribe was to be confined to. with this amicable understanding. the Conference adjourned that they would abide the decision of the Government. But contrary to the expectation of the Govt. the Rocktown people disavowed the authority of their Deputation to bind them inasmuch as they contended. that their Deputation had transcended their Instruction to this Arbitration. they declared that they would not conform to this decision of the Government