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Ship Mo. C. Stevens
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To Thos. H. Worth Esq.
President of the Md. St. Col. Soc.

My dear Sir, I little expected to have troubled you with a communication until I should have visited Cape Palmas, & I felt that I should then have little of interest to transmit, but intelligence of a most important character met me on my arrival here. War has broken out between the Colonists & the Natives. There are many rumors afloat but I obtain the most reliable intelligence from Mr Ruggles who says there are a tribe where war existed, as was the case between our country & Mexico, yet hostilities were not declared on either side. It seems that the war which existed some year or two since between the Rock Town & Bassa Cove people on the one side & the Cape Palmas & Grahway people on the other, was rather forced to a close, (neither party being satisfied). The planters were not properly settled. I believe our Governor Drayton tried to have the matter properly arranged & a firm peace established. For which purpose he endeavored to call the things together. Cases of delay existed on one party & the other & the palaver was drawn from time to time deferred. In the mean time the Rock Town people managed to make our Governor believe that the Cape Palmas people were meditating an attack upon the Americans, & the latter some time threatened the C.P. people with an attack from the ~~former~~

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