disposed to continue hostilities, but on the contrary desired peace, on almost any terms.

Finally, acting on the impression that peace might be restored by negotiation, and without further bloodshed, the Commissioners - to whom were entrusted the plans of operations against the natives, and the means of restoring peace - dispatched, on the 21. Ultimo, as messenger, in company with the two old men upon induced the Governor to release, to the Cape Palmas and Sawsay Chiefs to inform them that we were there for the purpose of adjusting all existing difficulties between them and the Governments; and, if they were inclined to "talk the palaver", all matters connected with the war would be thoroughly and impartially investigated, and justice awarded to the injured party. The messenger was instructed to assure them that they would be allowed to speak freely, and to state fully - without fear of detention or molestation, all the facts in relation to the war. The messenger returned with answer that the Chiefs would meet the Commissioners at Harper on the following Monday - that they were greatly elated at the prospect of being permitted to state their case before some disinterested parties - that they had been cruelly treated by the Americans - that the Governor, especially, had repeatedly deceived them; they had no confidence in him - and, therefore, had nothing good to hope for at his hands.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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