Palmas people with meditating or plotting a secret attack upon the American settlements to murder and plunder the settlers. This charge Yellow Will indignantly denied. Whereupon the Governor affirmed that we hearing of the conspiracy had sent for Yellow Will and the other Chiefs and seperately tried them with what he had heard. All disclaimed any knowledge of the fact until the question was put directly to old Palm, who confessed that such was their intention - whereupon Yellow Will and the other Chiefs also confessed their participation in the conspiracy, and expressed many regrets at having contemplated so foul a deed.

Yellow Will, in reply, stated that the Governor had wholly misrepresented the conversation he had with the Chiefs and the decision referred to. He said the Governor did send for them, and told them that he had heard they were preparing to fight the Americans, which they denied. He, the Governor, then asked Palm if they were not preparing for war. Palm answered yes, they were preparing to defend themselves - that he had learned from his daughter, the wife of a Rock-town man, that the Governor had agreed with the Rock-town people to fight them - the Cape Palmas people - and drive them from the country. The Governor, he said, denied having made any such agreement with the Rock-town Chiefs.

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A. Letter Books

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