town for this purpose, they discovered two large war canoes, also both filled with Rocktown warriors. They sent immediately to the Governor to inquire kind of the peace, and to request, as these people were their enemies, that he would prosecute the Meeting until they could learn their objects. The Governor, however, demanded their immediate dispersion, otherwise he would open fire upon their town. And no sooner said than done: The Governor, exclaiming "my plans are discovered", ordered fire. And in a few moments the three large native towns between Harper and Sabrola were in flames. As the fires spread a body of some two hundred Rocktown warriors issued from their concealments, and the opposite side of the killed river, and fell upon the retreating towns people, being soon joined by the party in the canoes. The work of destruction seems to have been prosecuted. The Cape Palmas people unsuspecting and confiding had not secured their women or children, or any of their property from the advanced towns. It would seem that surrounded alone guided the messengers of death as they flew quickly through these densely populated towns:- fired at five persons only were killed. There were no casualties on the part of the settlers; the retreating natives fired a few rounds but without effect. On their return to the "bush", however, they fired several out buildings belonging to the settlers; and a few days afterwards

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A. Letter Books

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