this last demand, and thought the matter ended, as least ended the Governor would summon them in palaver. And yet no other offered, they declared, their towns had been burned.

Now Sir, you have the case, changed by the Governor, as it came up before the Commissioners. And the Commissioners could not find that the course adopted by the Governor in making war upon these people, was either just or called for by any circumstance presented to them.

Now Sir, the whole matter seems to be this, the Governor seems to have imbibed the impression — whether correct in his impression or not, I will not pretend to say — that the Cape Palmas and Bassway people did not respect him as they had done his predecessors — that they rather entertained a contempt of him. This, I have reason to believe, annoyed the Governor. The Rock town people — inveterate enemies of the Cape Palmas and Bassway people — discovered this fact, and no doubt took advantage of it to mislead the Governor. For it appears that by indirect means they managed to have the Cape Palmas people informed that the Americans premeditated an attack upon their towns to drive them out of the country — which they, the Rock town people, earnestly desired: On the other hand they would tell the Governor many stories about the Cape Palmas people. Many of which doubtless they induced the Governor to believe.

The Cape Palmas people have suffered greatly, and they sorely feel it. They have lost almost every thing. By the first day of this February I accompanied them —

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A. Letter Books

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