about discharging the people & making arrangements in regard to the goods & provisions I had procured at Monrovia, together with those shipped from Baltimore. On the third day after my arrival I received a more formal note from Gov. Drayton, written as I was informed at the instance of Gatu Roberts, requesting an interview, giving me an invitation to dinner &c. I visited upon him at the hour appointed, when he gave me a history of the origin & progress of the war corresponding in the main points with his communication handed me at a later date, enclosed herewith, but the conference closed without any solicitation or request for my counsel or advice in any one point, or giving me any intimation of his future course.

In the mean time Gatu Roberts complained that he was able to make little or no progress in arranging the terms on which he was to capitulate with the Govt. He said Governor Drayton would listen without objection or comment to ~~[illegible]~~ his propositions, before adverting to. He had gone so far however as to name commissioners from the numbers of whom I was one, to decide upon the continuation of the war. I perceived that my presence would be of little use, more than to induce the natives to meet & talk the palaver, they having refused to treat with Gov. Drayton any more, as he had detained their people against all rules of war & had killed the bearer of a flag of truce or written of capitulation. I therefore took measures to leave as soon as the cargo destined for that port should be discharged. I felt that I had no right, unless in case of absolute necessity to detain the Ship. I was also assured that Gatu Roberts & a majority of the commissioners appointed, were in favour of telling the palaver & bringing about a peace, for it was well known the natives desired it. I accordingly addressed a letter to Governor Drayton stating my determination, also informing him of the provisions & merchandise I had placed in the hands of our Agt. Mr Gibson & the disposition I

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A. Letter Books

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