consulted by any committee of number of people at any one time. Nor was my opinion or advice asked but by one person, an old settler by the name of Brown. I told him what the action of the Board had been in regard to this question, & asked you & Mr Latrobe continued to think of it ~~the matter~~ but was yet to consider. I had always deprecated from you, & that more County association seemed a necessity. He agreed with me fully, although he had always been a strong opposer of it, & was decidedly opposed to the present area. I stated before I left, that an effort would be made to bring about association, but the movement was entirely on part of the Cape Palmas people.

We arrived at Monrovia on Tuesday March the 3d & three days after were followed by Gov. Roberts & the troops, who had been sent to Cape Palmas. They were all brought up by the English man of war Steamer Hecla, which arrived at Cape Palmas on the 2d of March. The Hecla brought advices of the establishment of peace between the Americans & the Gorbo tribe, also of the measures taken on part of the former for immediate annexation to the Republic of a County. I obtained from President Benson copies of the treaty of Peace & the document forming the basis of annexation, both of which are enclosed. Mr Benson informed me that he should immediately call an extra session of this Legislature to ratify the treaty of annexation, or to authorize it to be done.

On looking over the paper signed by Messrs Drayton Gibson & Fullen I found it was proposed to call the new County "Cape Palmas". I expressed my objection to this very strongly to Mr Benson & urged he would not allow of that in the act consecration the Mission, thereby obliterating the name of "Maryland" from the Liberia Coast. I also wrote to Mr Gibson at length urging the substitution of the name of Maryland for that of Cape Palmas. I also talked with Gov. Roberts on this subject. He said he was

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