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the prejudice of this gentleman is so great against it, when not a riffle on the surf it was only tolerable on that occassion to Mr Seys. Now Fishtown proper where he landed is hardly ever bad as every one who has had occasion to land there can testify - but in order to lay something to the charge of the place objectionable he found much difficulty in obtaining natives to carry luggage. Now this is not true in regard to Bassa, to give the subject a fair chance - All that is here said against Bassa as actual, constant, existing facts are not as Mr Seys, who is a stranger to our county, and not a friend, supposes them to be. He had only been on shore a few hours - he went to the residence of Hon C A W Gardner - Supt of the County - and was there supplied with a boat, hands, etc. But from some cause unknown to me he left the accomodations offered by the Supt and bargained with Mr Liles for others. I see no account of his interview with Mr Gardner at all - why not tell it as it is? - Now every house is not clean and tidy in the Dueah country nor are all filthy & leaky in the Bassa country. Native huts are not to last as a general thing more than one season (from one farm time to another) This I believe is common to all, and to go to their towns before they return from their farms often appears like a place forsaken, which was a - bout the time Mr Seys went to King Ben's and Shes

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