what he spoke about the Queahs. No! the truth is all are alike until put in fear by civil power. All are great friends to the Americans until they get the advantage of them as history shows and none has endured to the end in protecting our work voluntarily, and History must be trusted before the bare word of Mr Seys. But the Queahs have rice, cassava, plantains, eddoes, goats, sheep, fowls, ducks &c For the last year & a half at least universal scarcity prevailed in all parts of the Republic to a great extent the county of Mesurado not excepted in which case Mr Seys should in common charity, admit that accordingly that it was no worse as to general case in one part of the Republic than another. The judges of the practicability of an interior settlement from the facilities owned by the frontier settlement as will be seen after a while. But of course Mr Seys ought to have known more of the Queahs than he tells of and less of the Bapsa's, from this fact he was nine days or thereabouts exploring the country of the former, & one day in the country of the latter.

The former people and country, his old acquaintances the latter he never saw before. How could he know whether the Bapsas had rice, cassava, plantains, eddoes, ducks fowls &c or not in their country, as he only had one whole day to explore it in. And what chance

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