ducks &c what need of apprehension that foreign
meats and bread stuffs will be needed - I am sure
it is said that it is for the best for immigrants
and indeed for all persons in Africa with proper
restrictions - The days may have been when this
was true but now it is not. I say nothing about
a few family supplies at Monrovia - but I speak
as I understand Mr Seys, that constant supplies are
always on hand for all in that county, & enough
to supply the other counties, and enough to supply
interior ships loads besides. Now notwithstanding
Mr Seys asserted some things in that shape — he
does not not believe them himself. — It is not
true therefore although he has said it is the Gen-
eral Depot. In his 7th reason he says "Access to
Monrovia will enable us to get help in case
of any trouble with the natives" — Now certainly
Mr Seys is inconsistent with himself: Just a
few words above in speaking of the Queahs
he says in his 4th reason, "The Queahs are an
inoffensive peacable, nay an effeminate tribe"
Now is Mr Seys such a coward as to be afraid
of a tribe as weakly women. And notwithstanding
this gentleman says "This though a most improbable
thing, I will guard against in having every man.
myself not exempt - well provided with the means
of self defense, and make a show of them ~~arms~~

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