openly, to deter others from molesting us". What does he want with weapons of war to contend with persons in mens shape but tender, weakly, woman-ish - Is Mr Seys afraid of such creatures as these?

Yes, he is afraid of the Sucahs and makes positive declaration I guard against in having every man myself not exempt well provided with the means of self defence, is a frank acknowledgement that he does not believe a word he has said about the improbability of war - For he further adds - But in case of an attack, the authorities at Monrovia always have the men ammunition, and courage to go to the help of the oppressed Having briefly noticed the reasons for the conclusions to fix the interim settlement in Mesurado county I now proceed to notice what is said to be the reasons why it was not formed in our county in Grand Bassa. Mr Seys commences in reference to Bassa by saying "In juxtaposition to this I would say of Bassa & Dyke's Mountains — "1st Though high, finely timbered, and of good soil it is hardly far enough from the seaboard, nor sufficiently screened by high lands intervened to shut it out from the Malaria of the coast. Rev Mr Rambo and myself both concluded from unmistakable evidence that Miasmatic influence would be felt there"

It must be clearly seen by the reader of the above quotation from Mr Seys that he was pleased with the site & had he stood on even keel, he would

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