can make the readers of his painting believe it – Why did not Mr Seys tell the truth as it is – I do not blame him for being in a becoming hurry, but he came morose not only to the county but its inhabitants without exception – His whole talk about the county even to the natives – was in a chiding manner – In speaking of the other county natives, and all which shows too plain his prejudice against the one and his favour of the other so on this head I only need say, had an agent of the Society been here as at Monrovia – & Mr Seys acted toward him as he did Mr Dennis in I need so many boats, so many hands to row, so many carriers – to accomplish a purpose for the Society by a certain day – it would have been done as reasonable as elsewhere. And no need of importing from Monrovia as the Rev gentleman aims to impose upon his readers. In the 4th reason Mr Seys says "the Bassas are treacherous warlike have broken treaties with the Americans &c" To that I answer there are but few nations ~~of this kind~~ in all the world that have not done the same under similar circumstances, and as to the natives in Africa as history that cannot lie will show, I find no choice in tribe They have been equally treacherous in each county under similar circumstances. & wherever the nations are quiet and peaceable it is where they have been conquered by the Civil Arm, And only so long as civil power can be felt & feared – That is the case with Mr Seys Queahs – Are they fools? have they not in mem–

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