on the victories achieved over their Fathers, and is it not settled in the minds of the Queah's all that our troops did when they were but few men, and comparatively unskilled to what our present men of war are, and their war men were greater than they are now? so they the Queahs very naturally, and wisely conclude it is better to bow to power than be crushed by it. And the same is true throughout Liberia - I have had to do with these natives nearly 23 years - The Bassas are no worse than other natives under certain circumstances, and others no worse than they under similar circumstances - If men consider themselves oppressed - they are apt if freemen; and sometimes slavemen when thinking of the rights of Man struggle unto death It appears the charge is not - against the Authorities of the County of G Bassa - for if I am correctly informed Mr Gardner Supt of G Bs - provided, bolt, hands &c for Mr Seys which he did not choose to accept of but preferred making his own arrangements - now if they did not suit him he can lay the blame to Rev John Seys. In his 5th season he says "the Bassas are starving - nothing can be bought among them - In another part of the same letter, in speaking of his arrival at King Bens "and here found as every where else the natives starving." Every where else takes in the Queah country too - for King Bens was the first native town mentioned on his tour in this county. I suppose he must have fared better at Shec's town as he makes no such mention as that of King Ben - Now if

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