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Government House,
Harper, Republic Md in Liberia.
Decr. 30th 1857.
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Dear Sir:

I have availed myself of this favorable opportunity to communicate to you information of what has happened between us and the natives, believing that you are interested at all times to know our condition. However repugnant to my feelings as a man appeal to coercive measures may be — The Palmas tribes residing in our midst for more than twenty years, they have sorely tayed the patience and exhausted the pacific means of the Government - and guilty of every species of machination having for its termination evil. Really at times it appeared to me to be a delightsome pastime to them to engender misunderstanding and to treat the laws with impunity; and disobedience was ever their ruling passion. The Charity of the Government again and again has been extended toward them, and yet, we have discovered no amendment. They did on the of December past the massacre of the Colonists - the fact was brought to the notice of the notice of the authorities on the afternoon of the night designated for its foul execution — bare time was given to avert the pending tragedy. They have become so important in themselves as heathens, that they took exception at the movement of the Government towards the Rocktown, Fishtown, Half Cavalla, and Sinoe tribes. A Treaty entered into between these tribes, (which self same Treaty was first offered them and they refused) excited their indignation; and they insinuated their intention to resent the Government movement, and from subsequent developes=

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