that a full & permanent settlement will not be accomplished. We had news from Cape Mount to Sierra Leone today. The troops had gone as far as Bassa river, and had seized some goods & destroyed some towns. Since the Bassa Boat left all was gone as far as distance as in the country. Mendes claims rights to that country & encourages the Sierra Leone traders to go there in defiance & disregard to our revenue laws. The President was still at Roberts port talking palaver with a number of Chiefs from the surrounding country.

Our next election for President & Vice President comes off in May. Payne & Roye are again the competitors in the first & Dr. Smith & J. T. Gibson in the second. There is a strong opposition to the re election of the present incumbent, and it is doubtful which will succeed. Mr Payne has not made the popular money, yet he says he is ready. Mr Roye says he will, if elected, it seems at present that Mr Roye's supporters are becoming quite numerous. The people want money, yet available money in the country, and Mr Roye says he will get it.

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