Society of Maryland has done something on the West Coast of Africa:— then we would have power to command our territory from one end to the other in this County, and with means, make treaties and keep peace with all the natives; and also have great influence far back into the interior; as you are aware that money makes peace and opens the public highway in Africa We have plenty of Camwood, Calabar beans, and Ivory in the interior, but there is no regular thoroughfare to bring those things down to the Seacoast.

There is now only the native custom of toting on the head, and when they carry their loads for a day and a half or two days, they can manage it tolerably well but when it is a journey of two or three days then the natives find it too much for them as they get fever and give up. That is the reason why the Commerce is not greater.

You may ask the question why we do not go into farming? The reason is this:— the land that we now occupy is all taken up. but a little for the natives to farm upon, as you will see by the last act passed by the government, that a large quantity of land at Cape Palmas, has been set aside for the Emigrants. Leaving the land for the Township we the young people who have grown up in the Colony, cannot get any other in the vicinity. Just as soon as we can get more Emigrants we will stretch out on the Cavalla River, as our sister County has done on the St Paul's. The land on the Cavalla River is suitable for farming It is very rich and fertile.

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