

Ben Coffee further stated, that the Barbo people proposed that the Commodore should come on shore in the morning, and that in the Commodore's presence they would arrange the peace. They further requested Ben Coffee to come on shore, and receive a dash for the Commodore, as confirming the peace.

The parties then went through the native form, "spewed water," and shook hands.

All the parties dined in the cabin, and after receiving presents from the Commodore, departed in company for the shore highly pleased.

Signed, Witnesses:

J. MAYO, <i>Commander in Chief.</i>	BENJ. M. DOVE, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
JNO. REED, <i>Commander.</i>	C. R. P. RODGERS, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
JNO. DE CRAMP, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	LLEWELLYN BOYLE, <i>Secretary.</i>

U. S. SHIP CONSTITUTION, OFF CAVALLY RIVER, September 6, 1853.

Dear Sir,—I enclose a copy of the proceedings of a palaver held on Board this ship to-day, by which you will perceive that Commodore Mayo has brought about a peace between the Barbo and River Cavalla people.

Representatives of the two parties have gone through with the formality of "spewing water," according to the customs of their country, and hostilities may be considered at an end.

The Barbos at first rudely repelled the interference of the Commodore, but a few rockets and shells sent through their town, frightened them into submission, and forced them to hang out the "White Flag."

They were quite unwilling to-day to fulfil their promise of yesterday, but the Commodore would listen to none of their evasions, and the matter has been adjusted without bloodshed.

I doubt not that the Colonization Society will gladly hear that these energetic measures of the Commodore have given peace to so many persons in the immediate neighborhood of your colony, and I am sure that you will be gratified by the intelligence I now have the pleasure to communicate.

I am, very respectfully, your obed't servant,

By order of  
COMMODORE MAYO.

C. R. P. RODGERS,  
*Flag Lieut. of African Squadron.*

To DR. SAM'L F. MCGILL, *Gov. of Md. in Liberia.*

P. S. September 7, 9 o'clock, A. M.

I open my note to say that a large delegation have just come on board from the Barbo's, and the final and most satisfactory formalities have been exchanged. As soon as they get on shore, a man from each tribe will cross the river, and the palaver will be set.

C. R. P. R.

HARPER, September 10, 1853.

DR. JAS. HALL,—I have barely time to say this, the peace promises to be a firm and lasting one. The Half Cavallas are however dissatisfied, because it will have a tendency to diminish their trade.

Yours truly, SAM'L F. MCGILL,  
*Acting Governor, &c.*

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, held May 24th, 1854:

The President read the following communication from Commodore Mayo, informing the Navy Department that he had formed a treaty of peace between certain tribes on the West Coast of Africa, within the limits of Maryland in Liberia.

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