Deed No 10 of Tabou

From King George of Bassa. King George Macauley of G. Tabou. & King Crah of Tabou river
Executed March 13th 1846.

Know all men by these presents: that we King George of Bassa - King George Macauley of G. Tabou & King Crah of Tabou river, the true & lawful - Kings of the Country of Tabou:

Do by these presents grant, deed & convey unto John B Russwurm, Agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society, and through and by him to said Society the territory now under our authority, called & bounded as follows: viz East by Bassa Country & the Atlantic Ocean - West by Barbo Country & Taps nation - North by Tarah nation & Bushmen: & South by the Atlantic Ocean.

To have & to hold the same in common with our own people and to occupy any part thereof not now in actual use as a Town, Village, farm with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging forever: -

And it is further agreed by said parties that the inhabitants of the above country & the kings & headmen thereof, and the American citizens of Maryland in Liberia shall unite their forces in defence

of their common Country and of the territory already belonging to the Maryland State Colonization Society in Africa: - to which this is now Annexed: -

And it is further agreed that all palavers arising between any two kings residing in Maryland in Liberia or between the subjects of any two kings, shall be set by the American Governor of the territory: -

And it is further agreed on the part of the said Kings George, G Macauley & Crah that, no foreigner or person not authorised by the Maryland State Colonization Society shall reside in or make trade in any part of said territory, other than that made in Canoes with Vessels in the Offins.

And further that there shall never be in either party any obstruction to a free passage through their respective territories either by land or water

The considerations of the above Deed are as follows:

1st The above named priviledges of mutual defence.

2d. The advantages accruing from trading Posts being established in said territory by and through the Agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society.

3rd. The advantages of Schools which the children of the native inhabitants shall enjoy in common with American Children.

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