All sudden deaths of the middle-aged and active were often attributed to witchcraft, when, to prove the innocence of the person charged by the Gree-gree man, he was obliged to drink large quantities of a decoction of the bark of a poisonous tree called Sassa wood. If he survived, he was deemed innocent. One of the head men, who had uniformly befriended the colony, was charged with bewitching the family of a rival, and condemned to the ordeal. On hearing this, Dr. Hall called a palaver (a negotiation with the king and head men) and endeavored to have the man released: but altogether in vain. On returning home, he was informed that if a superior in rank were to take the accused by the hand

Secretary were in the room. Looking at them, Simleh Ballah said, "Massa Tobe, Pose your pickaninny he be bad? you burn your pickaninny, all men he be God pickaninny, God no burn his pickaninny." Whereupon, the discussion of the code was resumed, and the theological question, which is only referred to as an indication of the character of the man's mind, was not continued.

The following is the letter from King Freeman, of which the Reverend J. Leighton Wilson, who acted as amanuensis for the king, says, that it is in the words used by him "as nearly literal as it is possible for me to write them."

"King Freeman to the Gentlemen of the Colonization Board of Baltimore, Nahaveo, [greeting]:

"Mr. Wilson he be hand for me, and Simleh Ballah be mout for me for make dis book; but de word come from my own heart. He be true. I send Simleh Ballah for look you; he eye be all same as me eye, and dat word he peak be all same he come out me own mout. You do Balla good when he lib to your hand, dat be all same you do good for King Freeman. I tank you for dat. Ballah tell me you hab fine country. I believe what he say, cause he no fit for tell lie. I tank you berry much for dem cash you send me. I like um plenty, and go keep um all de time. But I tank

when the potion was about to be administered, he could clear him; but would assume the responsibility and be liable to supply his place or pay a heavy fine. On hearing this, Dr. Hall, cripple as he was at the time, set off for the sand beach just as the wives and children of the victim were being driven off after their last farewell. About five hundred people were collected in a hollow square, in the middle of which the Gree-gree man, in full panoply, was just raising a two gallon pot, filled to the brim with the decoction, to the lips of the accused. Breaking through the square, Dr. Hall took the man by the hand, saying as he did so, that he would satisfy any one who had cause of

you berry much for dem law you send me. He be good law, and all my people go do him. Pose hab dem law first time, I no go do fool fash all time. Dis time I go make all my people do dat ting what you law tell me. I tank you plenty, gentlemen, for dem good law. I tell all men go hear Misser Wilson talk God palaver, and yisserday so much man go till plenty hab for to stand outside de house.

"Soon Ballah go for Merica first time me go long way bush and tell all man say he must make fine road and bring plenty trade for Cape Palmas. Me heart tink say he guin do him soon.

"Me hear say you hab plenty slave in your country, me hab one word for peak dem. You must come me country den you be free man for true. Dis country be big and plenty room lib here. Pose you come, I peak true, me heart be glad plenty for look you.

"Pose any gentleman want come, me want him for come too. Me heart be glad for see dem too much.

"Me word be done now. I tank you berry much for you dash and you law. I go lub you till me dead. Me send you one county chair for you look at. Me go put pickaninny country word for you see.

"A good child loves her father, he loves his mother.

"KING FREEMAN, *alias* PA NEMMAH."

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