as soon as harvesting is over, when it will appear whether he is really honest in his professions. I am sorry to inform you, that some of the baser sort of our colonists have been guilty of slaughtering two Bullocks belonging to the natives. I have pledged myself to make good all damages, and I have also had two commissioned Officers who were duply implicated, arraigned and cashiered. These thefts were done while the men were in night watch.

For the better understanding of Parker's affair, I ought to inform you, that the wounded Bushman came to my office about 5 P.M. while engaged in palavering with King Freeman his headman, and after hearing a short statement from him, I enjoined it upon him and his friends to call in the Morning and the palaver would be talked. This seemed to satisfy all parties. The wounded man went to the native town with his friends, and great was my astonishment to be informed next morning, that his relatives had come over night and carried him off. Before the palaver finally broke up one of the colonial Magistrates Mr. Johnson, called at the office, and he was distinctly sworn to have Parker arrested and brought before him and another Magistrate next morning. This I am sorry to say he neglected to do - perhaps from fear, as Parker had threatened to shoot down any officer who should come on his premises for the purpose of arresting him: perhaps, from mere carelessness, as I learned afterwards that he was out hunting instead of attending to his business - He sent me no word whatever that the business was unattended to, and I only learned it by riding out three miles next day to enquire of him personally. I immediately returned to town, and instructed another Magistrate to have Parker arrested and his gun taken away from him as I was afraid the fellow would shoot some of the civil officers. - It was then late in the day, and the Magistrate promised early attention in the Morning - that same evening, the C. Palmas native town was burned down, and the Banaway people passed our guards, as before stated, and effected their diabolical purpose, in the midst of the confusion which then prevailed. Though Parker has fallen by native violence, his fate is nothing more than I expected, as he was daily engaged in palavering, pointing his gun, &c. and in one case before firing at the natives.

King Freeman having received his lesson from some quarter, has thrown it in my teeth that I am not a proper man for Governor - meaning that I am not a proper white man; Now I feel the interest of the Society and their Colony so much at heart, that I wish not to continue here one moment longer than they think I can serve them as well and faithfully as any other person they can procure. My residence here has not been so pleasant as I expected for several reasons which I may hereafter state fully, if requested; and whether it is deemed advisable to send out a new Agent or continue the present incumbent, it shall ever be my belief that nothing but the best interests of the colony governed the Board of Managers in their decision.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jno. B. Russwurm
Actg. Sr. C.S.

P.S.
The accounts up to July on the new system recommended by the Board will be forwarded by the first direct opportunity.

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