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Description: Copy, better readable, added. Description of a visit to Teshi. Plan and description of the house of a merchant of Teshi called Afutu. Accompanying text: Afutu probably as much as 80 years old, had been very wealthy but had lost beauty with the bankruptcy of a merchant in Jamestown. The house stood close by the shore, but about 80-100' above sea level. Built around two courtyards, the southern of which was the focus of the 'Haupthaus', (a) is the entrance, (5) the first courtyard, surrounded by 'Negerzimmern' - single storey apartments, lived in by his sons. (4) is the Haupthof, (1), (2), (3), are rooms at the top of a flight of stairs, (possible because) this part of the house is built of stone (especially Schieferstein = slate). (1) was once the BM school in Teshi, (2) the teacher's living room. (3) is Afutu's room, furnished with bedstead, table, 2 stools. (6) & (7) are smaller rooms, which were once used by a mulatto merchant business, but are now rented out, (8) the combined kitchen and womens' yard. (d) and (e) are two galleries, from (e) there is a fine view of the sea. The whole house is grass-thatched. Unfortunately the wind blows through it so such that it is difficult to keep warm (Unfortunately there is no hint of dimensions, though the schoolroom (1) is described as roomy (geräumig) (pp 2-4). Trade of the Accra people: Buying cheap European cotton goods, selling them against indigo colored solid native cloth. In Ewe land: Selling the Ewe cloth very expensively in Accra (pp 9-10).

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