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**Description:** Goes over some parts of the history again about the time of Baum's arrival he had had to spend 6 weeks in bed with a wound in his foot, and during the palaver had been much troubled by sleeplessness, headaches etc. He describes the main pressures during the previous summer now to the decision by the Gyadam people that they would no longer trade with him. Though equally- if the mission's property was not to be protected, and there were going to be pressures on the mission to give up its land, his concept of the future development of the station would not be possible to realise (NB he seems to imply in this letter that land around the mission plot had now been complete, handed out by the king). Hence his decision to move (although this is presented as a possible course of action for Baum or himself because the scope for their work was not adequate for two men) He also mentions for the first time the Cape Coast prince whom he describes as soon to be the chief of Cape Coast, and named Manya. He was apparently escorted by soldiers. Süss description of the palaver at this stage implies that had got so complicated by claims and counter-claims that it would have been difficult to bring it to a settlement. NB the man wearing stolen cloth was doing so openly in the King's house in this account of that incident also. Süss does not repeat Baum's charges against Manya. NB: a point of interest about the mission's claim to land in Gyadam is that on receiving the land Süss had somehow drafted a document describing the land and stating his ownership of it which had been signed by one of the Gyadam elders.

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