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**Description:** Prince Ansah communicates the visit of Rev Mr Gommenginger to Kumasi - he did not reveal the intentions of the Roman Catholic missionaries in regard to the place. Prince Ansah thinks, (though he offers no reasons for this) that now is the time to establish a mission in Kumasi. He reports on the situation vis-a-vis Gyaman - Berekum has been involved in a little fight with the Gyaman which nearly led to a general war. He himself set out for Kumasi when he heard the rumour of an Asante-Gyaman war to add his voice to the peace party in Kumasi, taking with him (He writes as if he were the head of the expedition, and there is no hint as to whether it was under someone else's patronage), Dane C. Nielsen, whom he sent to Bonduku. But the latest news is that he has died in Bonduku and that the king of Gyaman treated him badly (He had with him a Mr. Huyecoper as interpreter). Another complication is that a dissident chief is being helped by the king of Gyaman to invade Nquaransah, 'a province of Asante'. War pressures are therefore growing in Kumasi. He asks Ramseyer to intercede with the Kwahus to live at peace with the Asantis, they are not letting Asantis pass at the moment, though he intends to send this letter via Agogo, Asamoah's village'. In a postscript he again asks Ramseyer to come, his influence so that the road may be opened so that Ansah may be able to visit Abetifis. And also asks Ramseyer to procure him a horse the roads from Salaga to Asante are closed too.

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