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"Text of the Petition"

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Description: Points one to three concern Ramseyer's general harshness - charging him with treating the Christians like the Asentehens. Points four and six are complaints against low payment - 4 ½ d a day for work in Abetifi 10/- for mercenary work from here to Accra and back. Point five complains that when people want to go to Akwapim to find work Ramseyer does not allow them. There are also a series of points relating to Ramseyer's being a bad 'explanation' to the heathen. He is said to regularly check people who do wrong in the public street, and the heathens now say that they do not want to become Christians because they do not like to be shamed in this way. Ramseyer is said also to drive heathens away from the station as soon as he sees them, and also to have some intimate heathen friends who; he trusts more than he trusts the Christians. In the introduction to the petition Ramseyer is called the 'Principal of this town'. The petition too is has some Biblical knowledge in it - in the introduction is a quotation from the Benedicete 4 and to point seven above is appended a reference to James V , to the point about heathens being driven away a reference to Mark 10.13 The names appended at the foot of the letter are Nathaniel Beko (the presbyter and evangelist), Johannes Ata, and James Boamma.

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