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"Müller to Basel"

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Description: Continuing the history of the Tafiewe war - the second Peki expedition joined up with the Hausas apparently under English command, but the Pekis especially were severely led by the Tafiewes who fired from ambushes and from holes they had dug in the ground until their ammunition was almost finished, and then charged the flanks of the Peki force. Müller does not know how large the casualties were. After a time, apparently the war became simply a matter of finding the Tafiewes- - they have now sued for peace, and Müller reports that they have been fined £300, an extremely large sum for a people almost decimated. Müller is clearly troubled about the Christians in Anum and Boso. When they first went out on the Tafiewe-Maze War there was great strife as to which body of Christians should follow the other into the body of soldiers behind one of the chiefs. They apparently paid no attention to the advice of the two mission agents who went with them, Boakye and Afari. This reflected, Müller reckons, the old conflict for supremacy between Boso and Anum. Furthermore one of the leaders is incensed that the mission is setting out to work further in the interior - first he says they should have set up boarding schools in Anum/Boso, so that their children did not have to go to Akwapim for the higher schools. The building is going ahead apparently much more easily than in the late 1860s when Müller was last in Anum. The sawyers are working without any question of debts to be paid etc., and need little supervision. There are many people prepared to work - he is limited in employing people by the number of tools he has. He regrets wasting the trees he is having cut down, would help many families in need in Europe. In the second half of 1888 Heinrich Lieb was working in Anum as a 'Baubruder' (builder).

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