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Description: They had left Kwafo in Kumasi provisionally until the catechist assigned to Kumasi - Jos. Adaye from Kukurantumi - arrived. Ramseyer's picture is generally of welcome for the change in the political situation, and delight in Kumasi that he was to come to work there (he promised both the Government officers and people that it would be he would return as the Basel Mission representative) - he cites people saying that he belonged to Kumasi, and met one of the schoolboys of his captivity period who remembered half a verse of a hymn taught him in those days. 12 places had asked for a teacher. However he also quotes a cautious indigenous reaction - 'we shall have to wait and see how everything works out, for at the moment everything is in disorder.' This, he writes, was the reaction to be found 'here and there'. In Nkoranza the mission land was in Kisima. They had had to accept it as a present - the Nkoranzahene had heard the Governor 'give' him land in Kumasi and wanted to follow suit. He remarks that Nkoranza has a number of villages surrounding it, though he doubts their own claim that they number as many as the Kwahus. Nkoranza also controls Mmo, a town 2-3 days journey away, and 'Kontampo', a famous interior market. Hanson had been left with Perregaux in Nkoranza. Ramseyer urgently asks permission for himself and wife to go to Kumasi, and asks also for a building brother to assist them and Perregaux. He also asks for local agents to settle Agona (nr. Gyamase), Mampong, Kumawu, Nsuta. A map of his journey shows that he travelled through Teterem and Kyekyewere to Nkoranza, and on the return journey Nkoranza-Mampong-Nsuta-Kwamang-Kumawu-Agogo-Abetifi.

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