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Description: Report an incident in which they were warned by some Kumasi chiefs that war would break out with the English forces if one of their number was punished - apparently for failing to get Kumasi fully 'cleaned' by a certain day. (The incident apparently took place on 6-7 Feb). They also asked them to intercede with the Resident for them. They are clearly pessimistic about the chances for peace in Asante in the medium run, suggesting that the Basel Mission building plans should be curtailed. In a subscript written by Ramseyer from Abetifi dated 14 February 1898 he plays down the political dangers in Asante itself, at least as far as the Kumasi chiefs were concerned. He writes that there are three of these, quite cut off from the politics of Asante as a whole. He could believe that one of the great chiefs like Mampong was setting something up secretly, but no sort of rebellion could be engineered in Kumasi. Catechist Boateng agrees.

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