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"Mader's Report to the Slave Emancipation Commission"

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Description: Includes a short section on Kibi. It refers to Abraham Atitsogbe, who bought the slave of an Asante who was killed in the recent fighting between Asante and Akim for 3 dollars. He then made her his wife, with the concurrence of the missionaries, since his proper wife had returned to Osu, and had let him know that she was living with another man. After about 6 months she returned, however, and the husband took her up again apparently on the grounds that she had showed her devotion by travelling so far into the interior to come to him. Mader in aftermath of this situation tried to get the husband hand to slave over to missionary Kromer as a servant, but Atitsogbe proposed instead that in four years the woman should be set quite free, but should in the meantime serve him and his wife - as strangers in Kibi they needed a maidservant. Mader tried to dissuade him from this with threats of exclusion, since it would create a very questionable set-up.

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