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"Staton Conference Protocoll"

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Description: Applies through the Slave Emancipation Commission for 40 dollars to obtain the release of Opuni, a man enslaved to a relative at Kukurantumi after he had travelled to Akim to find his family, his mother having been an Akira woman taken to Asante during a raid. His master had agreed that Opuni should work for the missionaries, but then being called into the field wanted to take his slaves with him, and required the missionaries to purchase his freedom. They agreed, on the grounds that they needed a trustworthy servant (Lodholz' old servant, Jonathan Asumen, was due to go to the teacher's seminary at Akropong) and that the real marks of an inner life were observable in Opuni, and so apply for the sum of 40 dollars, having already paid down a 10 dollar deposit, and, apologise for the irregularity in proceeding in this way. Opuni's uncle who died shortly before his arrival in Akim was the father of the Akropong Middle-School pupil Emmanuel Adere. On his arrival from Asante Opuni was put in the block and his family had to pay for his release. The point that his trading activities had taken him back to Asante and involved long periods away from Kukurantumi is made once more in this report.

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