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Description: Part of this letter is printed as annex to the Annual Report 1871, pp 74ff. Part is also to be found in Heidenbote 1870 p121f. Additional material: The Begoro people, having asked Schrenk and Eisenschmid's advice as to what to do about the sale of salt, ad an oath sworn that only salt actually in the town should be sold. In fact this was only a front – Schrenk and Eisenschmid saw with their own eyes that salt was being brought into the town from all sides. Schrenk's opinion is that the Begoro-Kwahu route was only a hunter's route previously. Very little salt was probably smuggled along it. On the other hand, though Schrenk thought the trade by the Begoro people was wicked, he was prepared to act in terms of getting the Asantehene goods worth the 216 dollars which the chief was supposed to have had with him but which he then said he had left in Kwahu. He broke off carrying through this plan when they received news from Odumase of the battle in which Dompri was wounded. Obviously they could not carry on trade with a people who were fighting the Gas. The Asiakwa chief was asked by the Begoro chief to act as his mediator in Kibi. The information about the 218 dollars fine levied on Begoro by Kibi came to Schrenk from Kwabi.

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