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Description: The report contains information on the history of Imm. Boakye. It seems almost totally reproduced in the Kollektenblatt No 139, 1883. Additional material in the manuscript: The Juaben king whose nephew Boakye was (Boakye's father was his brother) was Agyei. His father committed suicide by poisoning. Huppenbauer notes that they are sometimes insulted by drumming when preaching is in progress, particularly Boakye. One element in Boakye's preaching, according to Huppenbauer, is his declaration that living satisfied with one wife is better than having five or six - which is what he used to believe was necessary for a happy life. Only one gambling gain is cited in this manuscript. An example of the key role Boakye had played as a trusted servant of the king is given. At one time he heard that the Anyinams were involved in secret trade with the Kwahus, when as Asantes there should have been enmity between the two sides. So Ata sent him to Anyinam, which he found empty - almost. In the forest en route for Kahu, however, he found a veritable market place with bales of cloth, salt, powder etc. on sale. All the people fled, except for two kwahus whom he captured. He called up people from Kwabeng to take the merchandise to Kibi was sent to Anyinam where he was able to capture people in large numbers and take them to Kibi where eventually the village was fined £400 - this necessitating plenty of the people being put in pawn or sold into slavery.

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