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Description: Lists the four chiefs who are being forced to sign the bond of peace, but omits Osenase and adds instead Okyereso. Obomosu and Akyease have signified that they will not meet Lethbridge in Kibi for this purpose. Apparently the idea at this stage was for £100 of the £500 collected to be given to the heathen, the rest to the Christians. Mohr criticised the idea of returning money to the heathen, and also pointed out that the £500 had been collected in 30/- units from all the heathen irrespective of how much damage they had done - Okyerewa, for example was getting off scot free. And if £100 was returned, instead of the people who had stolen property and then returned it getting the money, it would simply be divided among the chiefs. Over the return of the Christians Mohr has suggested to them that they refuse until the £126 extorted in the December Days had been returned. A case has come before the court in Accra in which a servant of Ata's, Yam Bekye, who had been accused of the theft, tried to get £64 back from Apeaning, one of the Okyenhene's treasurers. The judge had argued that Apeaning was not personally responsible, however, and asked Bekye to bring the claim up once a successor to Ate had been chosen. Mohr had estimated the damage to mission property in Kibi, Tete Apedwa, Asunafo and Abosmsu as £355=3=0. The largest items being the Kibi library valued at £55, and the Mission house furniture at £122= 9=0. The Kibi mission house had glass windows. Community property in Kibi - damage estimated at £92=12=0 (This includes a computation of 8/- loss personal property in the Kibi school per boy), losses suffered by mission employees at £120=11=0 (the largest using £30 claim by Ofori, the average being £11,"claimed by Gyima and Ch. Owusu, Okyere, Gyamera, and Botwe). Mohr agrees that the losses can probably be pared down to £450 when returned property etc. is taken into account.

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