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Description: Contains a copy of a letter of Chr. Rottmann's (Kata) dated 19th June 1869, addressed to Widmann in Akropong as Prases of the Gold Coast Mission. The uncertainty about the situation in Anum has developed into a relative but menacing certainty. This news has come to them in a letter from Chr. Rottmann dated 19th June — '...this afternoon messengers came from Anyako with the news that Br. Manfeld, and his sick wife, had arrived there from Waya, that the Ho missionaries had all fled with the exception of Hornberger and Müller: and that the Asante armies were on the attack. According to letters from Müller in Ho the Asantes were already in Peki on the 12th and were expected in Ho any day. Nothing is certain about Anum, except that if the Asantes are in Peki, one can be sure they have also occupied Anum. A letter also reports that, according, to the Awudomes, two Europeans have been seen in Asante hands, and these were probably the Anum missionaries. They hear that the Peki and Anums were terrified of the Asantes, and ran at the first battle, which would tend to confirm this news. This seems to have happened in Ho, where the above mentioned missionaries are quite alone with their local staff, the Ho people having apparently made no attempt at resistance. These reports are not, of course, certain, but very probably true.' Walker adds that they have every ground to hope that the missionaries if not their property will be handled with indulgence, because six months ago the Asantehene, in gratitude for the missionaries' saving of an Asante at the hands of the Anums, is said to have assured one of the missionaries (Schönhuth) of his complete protection.

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