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Description: Pp. 1-5: Detailed account of sickness and of the death of Heinze (Page 1). Considerations about their work. Frederic Davunnah gets the salary and is trained as a teacher in Copenhagen on the cost of the king. He is ready to take the post. The girls' school is cared for by a widow, the young teacher Madame Veith. They have not yet preached because of ill health. Plan to go to the plantations: Mr. Lutterodt, who has been 27 years in the country, is very kind to offer house etc. The man looking after the house knows Danish, Ga, Twi and other African languages. He is a Mulatto (Page 2). Reasons, why it is advisable for them to learn the Ashanti and not the Accra language. Plan to go for a few weeks with Mr. Lutterodt to his plantation. Not yet decided definitely whether to remain in Christiansborg or to go to the plantation - pity for the orphaned congregation. But assurance that Europeans could hear the word of God and read it and the Africans not, and that they have been sent out as missionaries to the pagans. Hope to get advice from Basel (Page 3). Domestic arrangements: Size and prize of house, servants, food arrangements, firewood and milk supplied from Mr. Lutterodt. Financial affair of the good left by the deceased brethren (Pages 3-4). Weather was unusually wet. Many African houses collapsed, since the walls were wet all through. Their house remained dry - it has a new grass roof. Reason alleged for the death of Henke: Attending and conduction in a weak state the funeral of a little child, the daughter of madame Veith at 1 a.m. - walking, not carried in a hammock (Page 5). b) Letter from Jäger to Büchelen same date. 2 pages. About the books they found that the dried fruit kept well, and other such like matters.

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