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Description: 1) Things belonging to a station should not be taken to another station, but new things should be bought. 2) Schiedt will write on financial affairs. 3) Financial things. 4) About the West Indians: a) Approximate costs of the settlement for this year shall be given. b) the palaver about more money; the leaders are Rochester and Mullings. They do not want to be farmers and craftsmen, they want to be gentlemen. Only the family Hall has till now decided to remain here. The agreement does not suit the others. c) The passage back will cost about £ 400, they will have to hire a ship, there is no other possibility if all but one family want to go. 5) About money sent to the West Indians from Jamaica relatives. 6) Why Schiedt did not sign the accounts - trifles. 7) Clothes could be got here, but much too expensive. 8) They shall not hurry with the building of a proper chapel. 9) Financial difficulties, send money and the power to write checks against London. 10) About the debt of Thompson. He took money from Lutterodt without the knowledge of the missionaries. 11) About the damaging of goods at the beach. Cloth needed. 12) They try to use less and less rum. This caused dissatisfaction with the West Indians. Wine and beer are too expensive here. 13) Abokobi shall not be sold, Schiedt might erect a school there. 14) Thompson shall come here according to the decision of the committee. They had a conference about him. He shall work under Dr. Mohr. Working time is fixed exactly. He is to stay in the mission compound in the evenings. etc. A strict but fair regulation. Difficulties with the building. On Christmas the Usu people Annum and Lumo were baptized John and Moses in Akropong.

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