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"Kamerun/Cameroon 1902"

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**Description:** 266 documents bound into one volume and divided into 11 sections, with an additional section on a possible takeover of American Presbyterian Mission Stations in Southern Cameroon, "Akten betr. Uebernahme"; Diverse Akten betreffend Kamerun - miscellaneous documents concerning Cameroon, Documents 1-4, all letters from colonial officials in Berlin; No 1 and No 2: deal with Government policy on the distribution of crown lands ("Kronland"); Akten betreffend Uebernahme von Süd-Kamerun - documents on the possible takeover of American Presbyterian Mission Stations in Southern Cameroon by the Basel Mission, Documents 5-30 (In the end the Americans decided to continue their work in South Cameroon and Gabon). Includes correspondence from Basel Mission missionaries in Cameroon on the suggestion; Ausschuss der Kamerun-Mission: letters and reports from the Mission's Local Executive Committee and its members, Documents 31-100; No. 43: Schuler mentions a controversy between the Basel Mission and the Catholic Pallotines, as described in an article in a Catholic magazine under the title "Licht in den Finsternissen"; No. 49: Schuler as Local Chairman reports on the land question, A Commission has been set up to deal with land Problems. A lawyer has been appointed to represent indigenous interests; No. 57: Lutz as the Mission's Inspector of Schools reports on the School system in Cameroon; No. 59: Schuler reports inter al on tensions between Basel Mission and Government on the land question; No. 78: Schuler on plans to begin mission work in the Bali area. He also complains about Governor von Putkamer's behaviour; Nos. 89 and 91: Schuler reports on the preparations for a journey to Bali and on the journey itself; Bonaku: letters and reports from the Station at Bonaku, Documents 101-137; No. 102: Miss Bucher's first impressions of African children; No. 130: Spellenberg on a journey to the Rumpi (or Bumpi?) mountains and Banyang: on towns which had been destroyed by punitive expeditions: the style of houses in the Defang-Mfotabe area and traditional customs there; Bonaberi- letters and reports from the Station at Bonaberi, Documents 138-149; No. 139: Göhring on the court System in Cameroon; No. 140: Göhring on the behaviour of Europeans in Cameroon and their treatment of the indigenous Population; No. 142: Stahl gives a detailed description of the area around Lobethal after a journey there with Maier; Bombe: letters and reports from the Station at Bombe, Documents 150-164; No. 150: Greule on preparing boys for entrance to the boys' school in Bonaberi; Mangamba: letters and reports from the Station at Mangamba, Documents 165-179; No. 175: Wahl on a journey to the Dibombe area; No. 176: Wittwer in his annual report mentions tensions between Africans and Germans; Nyasoso: letters and reports from the Station at Nyasoso, Documents 180-208; No. 180-181: estimates of the costs of a proposed Station at Nvanga; No. 182: drawings for the proposed mission house at Nvanga; No. 200: Dorsch on the extension of mission work to

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northern Bakossi with sketch map; No. 202: Basedow on superstition in Cameroon; Lobethal: letters and reports from the Station at Lobethal, Documents 209-220; No. 210: Ernst on a journey to Ndogumakumak; No. 213-214: concerning the baptism of a polygamist and the protests of the local congregation; Edea: letters and reports from the Station at Edea, Documents 221-242; No. 239: Schürle on a journey to the Ndogobisol area; No. 242: Hässig's Annual Report mentions the positive influence of mission work in combatting inter-tribal wars; Victoria: letters and reports from the Station at Victoria, Documents 243-251; No. 249: Lutz on discussions between Government, plantation owners and the Catholic and Protestant missions on the distribution of land and indigenous land rights. He also complains about the behaviour of Governor von Puttkame; Buea: letters and reports from the Station at Buea, Documents 252-266

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