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"Strassenpredigt vor einem Häuptling. "



**Title:** "Strassenpredigt vor einem Häuptling. "

**Alternate title:** Open air preaching before a chief.

**Ref. number:** D-30.15.004

**Creator:** Ramseyer, Friedrich August Louis (Mr)

**Date:** Date late: 31.12.1895  
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**Description:** Chief of Obomeng. (TG, 1988). - Als Nr. 41 publiziert im Album 'Achtzig Ansichten von der Goldküste (Westafrika) nach Originalaufnahmen des Missionars Fritz Ramseyer', Neuenburg 1895. (RI). - Bildlegende im Album: "Abankwa in einer Gerichtsverhandlung. - Bei wichtigen Angelegenheiten finden die Gerichtsverhandlungen zuweilen auf der Strasse statt. Der Häuptling, umgeben von seinen Sprechern und Trabanten, sitzt in der Mitte unter seinem Staatsschirm. - Wenn auf unsern Reisen in einem Dorfe eine solche Versammlung stattfindet und die Leute nicht zu sehr aufgereggt sind, bitten wir sie, ihre Verhandlung für eine Weile abubrechen, was sie

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gewöhnlich bereitwilligst thun - wenigstens in Okwahu - und wir benützen diese schöne Gelegenheit um ihnen die gute Botschaft zu verkündigen." [English: Chief of Obomeng. (TG, 1988). - Same occasion photographed without missionary: D-30.15.020. - Published as photo no 41 in the album 'Achtzig Ansichten von der Goldküste (Westafrika) nach Originalaufnahmen des Missionars Fritz Ramseyer', Neuchâtel 1895. (RI). - Caption in the album: "Abankwa hearing a court case. Important cases are sometimes heard on the street. The chief, surrounded by his speakers and entourage, sits in the middle under his state umbrella. If we come across a gathering of this kind when we are on trek, and if the people are not too worked up, we ask them to interrupt their proceedings for a while, which they usually do very willingly, at least in Okwawu. And we use this fine opportunity to preach the good news of the gospel." - NB The French version of this album ('Quatre-vingt vues de la Cote d'Or d'Afrique') does not mention anything about a court case and simply entitles the picture "Chief Abankwa surrounded by his people". (PJ).]

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