

and the date that you will have them at Dunquah. You must yourselves accompany your men, and remain with them whilst the operations last. I propose to give to each of you kings a subsidy of £10 per month for every one thousand fighting men you furnish, to supply you with ammunition, and when the supplies of food, shortly expected here from England, arrive, I propose to issue daily at Cape Coast Castle provisions upon the following scale for all the fighting men you supply—viz., a pint of rice and a  $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of salt meat for each fighting man. Until those provisions arrive I propose to issue to you in lieu thereof  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. a day for each fighting man; and, in order to impress upon you the earnestness of Her Majesty's desires to help you, I propose to issue to each fighting man, through the chiefs recognised by the kings, a daily pay of 3d. a day whilst their services are made use of in the field. Although I am prepared to act in Her Majesty's name most liberally to you, I shall also be prepared to enforce in the most stringent manner the terms of our agreement, punishing severely all those who may be guilty of disobedience or of unmanly conduct. When once you take the field I cannot listen to any excuses about your being unable to enforce your orders upon your own people; you must exert your authority, and I will support you in doing so. Her Majesty has been grieved to learn that you still continue to follow the barbarous practices of your enemies, and are still in the habit of killing your prisoners and mutilating your dead enemies. Brave men in civilized nations never do so, and I have to urge upon you the necessity for putting a stop to these practices."

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### TO OUR READERS.

THIS number concludes the second volume and the first year of the MARITIME MONTHLY. While we have not received all the support on which we had calculated, we are yet encouraged to continue the Magazine for another year, hoping that, during that time, we shall be able to place it on a permanent basis. Thankful for the many kindly and favourable notices received from the newspaper press, we may say that many of the dailies and weeklies have done less to bring it before their readers than we might have calculated upon. In an effort to furnish a native literature, we had reckoned on the hearty support of every newspaper to which we have sent exchanges. We would appeal to them to give aid in establishing a Monthly which, with all its drawbacks, has, we venture to hope, been worthy of the name which it has assumed. We trust to make the MARITIME MONTHLY more interesting and worthy of patronage than it has yet been.

THE EDITOR.