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PETITION FROM MR. M.K. AGLA CONCERNING TOGOLAND
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To the Director,

I wish to inform you that I, M.K. Agla, was born at Kuma Apoti but I am a truck-driver at Hohoe. I own a truck. I left my village in 1920 but I pay taxes there annually. My aged parents are living at Kuma Apoti. They have not the strength to work. I always bring them food and stay in their home for two or three days. I used also to be given a pass. But now, because of this new Commandant who has come to Klouto, if I ask for a pass it is refused. Recently my parents invited me to spend Christmas with them. When I had fetched the food I went to Palimé to ask for a pass, but the Commandant again refused it. He told me to leave the truck at the French Customs at Klouto and proceed on foot. We could not carry the bundles on our heads. My wife had given birth to a baby on 8 November and could not make such a journey. So my wife, my children and I have come back to a village which is not our own. Therefore I ask you if a Togolander who pays taxes every year has no right to re-enter his own village with his truck. If you could see my parents in their house, it would make you weep, for they are without food. If the law stipulates that a Togolander cannot re-enter his native village with his truck, will you kindly so inform me.

I have the honour to be etc.
