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Â Nana Frempong Manso was succeeded by Nana Amapim. During his reign the Asantehene was desirous to of subjugating Akyem, so he declared war against them. Nana Ampim sought refuge at Tarkwa Akyiase; he was pursued and killed.

Â A Regent Kwamena Broni, was appointed but died shortly after the substantive chief, Gyamakrum died a year after, and was succeeded by Kakari Ampau who was killed in the Benna war, the Asante and battle fought near the river Benna.

Â His contemporary, Owusu Akyem Tenten of Abuakwa, suffered the same fate and their heads were sent to Kumasi which compelled their wing commanders to commit suicide in honor of their paramount chiefs.

Â The successor of the Kotoku stool was Nana Opoku who subsequently moved with his subjects to resettleÂ Â Â at Dampon. It was during his reign that the Juabenhene Akrase Kofi, who was returning to Kumasi on an errand of the Asantehene, was shot and killed by the Kotoku at the bank of Kwadutum.

This tragedy gave rise to Juabene Oath "Kwadutumum"

The next person to be installed was Nana Kwakye Adeyefe. During his reign the Asantehene Osei Bonsa(1800-.1824) sent his army to punish Akyeme Abuakwa and their ally Akwapem from obstructing

Asante traders returning from coast. The Asante army was victorious, but it was not a conquest.

In this war, the Kotokuhene negotiated a safe route for the Asante army; therefore, Queen Dokua of Abuakwa supported Kwadow Kume who incidentally claimed the Kotoku stool. With the assistance of Â Otumi, Asene and Ntronang, Kwakye Adeyefe was attacked and fled with the ancestral stool to Kumasi Â where he handed over to the Asantehene for safe keeping.

Following the desecration of the ancestral stool Kwakye Adeyefe was declared deposed so that Kwadow Â Â Â Â kuma was enstooled at Dampon.

He faced the most difficult period as contacts made to recover the ancestral stool proved futile. As a result he blocked trade routes to and from Kumasi.

The Asantehene, therefore, dispatched a formidable force to Dampon. He fled to fanteland. Later he returned to Dampon, but he joined the Fante army against the Asante.

Unfortunately, he was captured at Agona Nkum and decapitated. Nana Afrifa succeeded at the time the Asante army was fighting Nsamakaw.

The enemy had also encamped on Kotoku and neighboring borders. And for fear that the Asante would lay siege at Dampon, he finally evacuated with his subjects from Dampon, and moved southwards in the search of a new abode.

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