

Baltimore County July 21st 1848

W. Shepley

Sir: I have taken the liberty to write a few lines to you, which I hope you will excuse. However I am informed that you are an agent of the colored settlements in Africa. I have friends that hope to migrate to that settlement and I would be much pleased to hear from them. Therefore will you please be so kind as to let me know in what part of the colony, the Rev. Jacob Groff resides, or Philip Groff of Frederick County Md. I am much pleased at these movements and hope they are doing well. Notwithstanding I have the prospect of procuring my liberty in a short time, and I am anxious to go to the colony. But previously I would like to send a letter to my friend and get an answer. I am living with the worthy family of Wm. W. Potts near Franklin Town; the family has acknowledged my freedom, also they have been so kind as to give me some knowledge of the English language. In the highest respect I remain your humble servant.

Thos. Groff

Ans. answer to the Franklin Postoffice. B. E. Md.

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