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We copy the following letter from the Liberia | which will continue to flow in your old age. Herald, published at Monrovia, the settlement of the American Colonization Society in Western Africa. The writer, as will be seen, is our estimable fellow citizen, Moses Sheppard, Esq. the citizens of Liberia.

In regard to the advice given to Mr. Polk by the writer, it is needless to offer a remark, believ- this object of your emigration. ing that among those who may read the letter, there will be little diversity of opinion. Of one | that such is the lethargical character of the colonred thing we have no doubt, Mr. Sheppard knew Mr. Polk and was fully aware of the influence which his example would exert on other colonists. He was, therefore, desirous that he should set an ex- on the correctness of their opinion. They have ample to those around him, by aiming at a high joined an issue with their opponents, which must tute of hair. One of our labourers shot a cow a degree of excellence in the honourable pursuit of be decided by the colonists, it is with you to falsify few days since, which weighed, after being dressagriculture. To teach native children the knowledge of letters, is certainly an important and inte- very does not exist. This may be a mistake; nothing in its taste or flavour to distinguish it from next annual meeting, which they believe must, if resting field of labour to a philanthropic mind; slavery is a very comprehensive term, oftener used but this can be accomplished without withdraw- than understood. Let me apprise you that you ing from agricultural pursuits those whose phy- may be as decidedly a slave at Cape Palmas, as a sical energies eminently qualify them for useful- man under the lash of a driver in Virginia. The ness in this department. Hence we cannot but commend the views of Mr. Sheppard to all our ists wish you in every sense, and of course in the readers as well worthy their consideration. To highest sense to be free. the colonists in Liberia, as well as to that class of make Africa their home, we esteem the views here presented as possessing inestimable value.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER TO WILLIAM POLK OF BALTIMORE.

than acrimony and resentment. In their ranks are | There is no activity in that. A young and vigormen of high literary attainments and great moral ous man becoming a school-master may not always worth, philanthropists, christians of unblemished prove an aversion to work, but it never can be prospect of a speedy and abundant supply. of human nature, they suppose they are doing, to ters let me know what arrangements you have consequence has appeared in the colony. Fevers use their own words, 'the work of God,' but I made for establishing the Polk estate, I wish you are light, they commonly yield in three or four apprehend, without having received his commands | could inform me what progress you have already | days. or ascertained his will. They employ themselves | made. in trumpeting your rights without rescuing any of you. The merit is awarded to him who gives guage, you must refer it to my solicitude for your the most peaceable and industrious of any on the a cup of cold water, not to him who loudly pro- prosperity; on this occasion I have assumed your coast, would be disgusting. They are of an agriclaims that all have a right to drink: I would meet profession and acted the part of school-master. | cultural disposition, producing large quantities of them with facts and mild remonstrances, rather All my teaching has a tendency to one point, and rice for exportation. It is no uncommon thing to than impassioned repartees or railing recrimina- perhaps might have been expressed in a single | see three or four slaving vessels taking this article, tions. And what are the facts, with which you sentence, a youth of labour is essential to an age of at the same time within sight of our establishare to meet them? I reply they are the prosperity | ease. silent energy of truth.

tion Journal which I send you, that I had an ex- poses, the colonists must perform an important clothing is all that is requisite; unfortunately, tract of your letter to me of the 30th of August | part, and you and each of you are held responsible published. It is read with interest and contains for no inconsiderable share. Myself the friend of respect; and still worse, there are some here, as the language and expresses the sentiments of a freeman. It is gratifying to the friends of freedom here to have evidence of the fact, that colo- of them avow their opposition to all who do not beads, rings, and chains—to be in taste, the rings quired for the purchase and first outfit of this ship, nization gives expansion and buoyancy to the labour under their supervision. They claim this mind, to know that as 'slavery takes half man's right by assuming the fact that they are working chains such as would be used to chain a bear or worth away, colonization restores him to his entire for the Lord-many men will do the Lord's work, leopard, of brass or iron, it does not seem particu-

I now come to the main object of this letter. You inform me you are going to keep school. I am the friend of learning for all descriptions of persons every where, particularly for the coloured man, shalled under the opposite banner. and especially in Liberia. I am pleased with the meaning the native Africans give to the term, 'white man,' making these words refer to intelligence rather than colour. Their construction is a good one, for knowledge is the same in all intelligent beings. Minds, as far as we know, do not differ in complexion. If therefore I do not approbate your | received by the editor of the New Orleans Obteaching, it is not because I am averse to education, but because I think in some situations, and in some persons there are duties that precede, and in fact form the basis by furnishing the means of, education; that situation and person are found in your case. The question is not whether schools should we have an opportunity of sending letters to expressions of similar import, show that they are tertained by the blacks on the subject of emigrabe kept, but whether you should be school-master? America, an apology which I offer for sending so | not insensible to the superior advantages which | tion. Instead of regarding the establishment of tained; they are often persons qualified for nothing I wrote by the Oriental. As yet, I know little of moulded by prejudice or habit, as not to be desi- to the land of their progenitors, and reinstating else; but you should be occupied in another kind of the country, except in the blessings of civilization for them in an independent condition, they look upon teaching, I mean teaching the colonists the habits | this place, and, therefore, until I become better | their transportation as a matter of compulsion, and of industry and economy, which will enable them | acquainted, cannot write a full description. Pass- | ly at work among them. They are very anxious | not intended to advance their welfare So soon torture the infirmities of age; on the other hand as I can make it compatible with other duties. view yourself on a productive farm, reclining | The forests of this country are more impenetraunder the palm tree you had planted or visiting a | ble than those of the states, owing to the immense neighbour also enjoying the rich reward of a youth | variety of climbing shrubs and trees. Some spe-

firm friend of African Colonization, and the good | you have not the means. You cannot extract pro. | rope. Camwood comes from the interior in billets | deeper and deeper, she is now extending her Samaritan to many of those who have become perty from the air, it is not in the air; you must of fifteen or eighteen inches in length; it is trans- arms to lay hold on the benefits which civilization abundance; the sooner therefore you apply yourself to that source, the sooner you will accomplish and its dependencies, its value being fixed at sixty

> It has been asserted, and it is still insisted on, colonizationists have taken the opposite ground, have staked their judgment, and rest their hopes or confirm the assertion of your adversaries.

You are now in a country where it is said slaslavery of vice or indolence is as much to be deprecated as personal bondage. The colonization-

You have heard of the Lloyd estate, the Wil-You have quite as good a chance for laying the foun- the venomous kinds are known to exist on this coast. This central board of direction will, of CAPE PALMAS, FROM Moses Sheppard, of dation of the Polk estate in Maryland in Liberia, part of the coast. as they had on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; name: but in this case bending to the weakness | made to prove a fondness for work. In your let- | My health continues good. No sickness of | in the prosecution of the scheme both in this

If you perceive ought that is harsh in my lan-

and contentment of the colonists, growing out of The objects of colonization are to relieve the their good conduct and industry. You are free; oppressed, to lessen the sum of human anxiety cles, they are able at times to purchase five hunmake yourselves independent. Independence is and sufferings, to carry light into the regions of within your reach, and when you are independent | darkness and to demonstrate to the world that the | great annoyance to us in this respect, and we wait as well as free, you will require no arguments to Deity in the creation of man did not restrict himfalsify the calumnies of your enemies but the | self to any shade or form in which to wrap the ethereal essence which we call mind. In the at-You will perceive by the Maryland Coloniza- tainment of these kumane and philanthropic purfreedom, I am the friend of freedom's friends; not so with all the advocates of the cause—a portion worth, and reinstates him in the rank from which provided he will have it done in the right way, he has been forced by the ruthless hand of violence. that is in their way. An impressive spectacle is these articles that they could not walk without sometimes presented by two parties working for the Lord in fierce and vindictive conflict; an tached a multitude of little bells, so that you have ignorant observer might suppose they were mar-

(From the Christian Statesman.) Letter from Dr. Blodget.

The following letter from the surgeon of the server, and appeared in that paper on the 14th of

a meagre living, and it will leave you old and entire wilderness, without inhabitants. I intend good,) with which they were always satisfied. poor. Imagine yourself in the decline of life | making a tour up the river, through this tract, to | A school was lately commenced in a village | the merchandise of the two countries, and coloursurrounded by some two or three dozen stub- ascertain its resources, and its capability of being near us, which only failed for want of common ed men of intelligence and worth will at once born little urchins, to increase the afflictions and occupied for the purpose of colonization as soon ability in the teacher. The natives hired him identify themselves with the cause of coloniza-

sire is that you possess yourself of this source, vey or clearing off of lands for cultivation. The and error to demolish, but the field is entirely unfrom which you can draw in your youth, and timber of this country is generally harder and occupied—a waste—a blank, waiting to be sketchmore dense than that of temperate climates; much | ed by the hand of christian benevolence. In fact, I present to you as plain a proposition as can of it will sink in water after it has been seasoned. in a literal sense, Ethiopia is stretching out her be offered to a man: one of the purposes for which We have all the varieties necessary in the con- hands unto God. After a long period of debaseyou went to Africa was to improve your circum- struction of houses, utensils, furniture and for ment, after the most powerful nations of the world stances. How are you to do it? Not by keeping | ship building. Indeed, for the two latter purposes | have unsuccessfully attempted to rescue her from school, that is out of the question, not by trade; much timber is exported from this coast to Eu- the degradation in which she has been sinking resort to the ground, and there you will find it in | ported on the backs of the natives. At present it | and christian philanthropy are offering as her last forms a lawful currency of the colony of Monrovia | hope. dollars per ton.

Neat cattle are plenty, but small; they do not or- establishment at the mouth of the Galienas, it is man, that he will not labour without the whip, or at | dinarily exceed half the size of American breeds; | supposed, will ship this season alone from five to least the presence of a master. Your friends the the natives take little pains in rearing them. six thousand slaves. There is a wild breed much larger; they live in the woods, and are fond of bathing in the water. Their horns are short, and their skin nearly destied, exclusive of hide or tallow, more than five | Colonization Society intend, we learn, to propose hundred pounds. The meat was tender, and had a change in the constitution of the Society, at its that of the domesticated animal. We have abun- adopted, unite more completely its auxiliaries and dance of deer; leopards are rarely seen, their | members, and give increased extent and energy skins are occasionally offered for sale by the na- to all its operations. The plan is to constitute the tives; lions have never shown themselves in this | American Society of State Associations, each of vicinity. The elephant range is more interior - | which paying one thousand dollars to the cause, the forest is too close for this animal near the sea- may elect annually a delegate as director, and coast; their tusks are offered almost every day; such State Societics as have colonies in Liberia, most of them are of second quality, showing that | two delegates as directors; and to the Board of more of these animals die of disease or old age. Directors formed by such delegation of State Sothe coloured people in this country, who intend to son estate, the Tilghman estate, and other large than are destroyed by the natives. The largest of cieties, shall be entrusted the powers of general estates on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The these tusks weigh fifty, and sometimes exceed government for Liberia, and the general managefounders of these estates went to the Eastern | eighty pounds. Reptiles, in general, are not so | ment of colonization affairs throughout the Uni-Shore in early times, as you went to Cape Palmas, numerous as in America. Chamelions and lizards ted States, except within the limits of states that with their hands and with nothing but their hands. are common. Serpents are rarely found; none of may have planted settlements on the African

Our agricultural concerns, you will be delighted | gers, and such other officers as they may deem In corresponding with your friends when speak- and I hope you will avail yourselves of the favour. to hear, are in a prosperous condition. We have necessary. Committees of the parent board and ing of the opponents of colonization, beware of able opportunity. It can only be done as they did an opening of sixty or seventy acres on the banks some of the auxiliary state societies have exharsh language. This would be incompatible with | it, by activity and diligence-The hand of the of the river, about two miles from town, part of changed thoughts on this subject in friendly conyour situation as a pioneer in the cause; their diligent maketh rich,' but the slothful are clothed which is already, and the remainder in course of ference, and it has been concluded by them. that conduct should occasion regret and sorrow, rather in rags.' It cannot be done by school-keeping. being planted. Sweet potatoes, yams, cassada, a modification of the National plantains, corn, and sugar cane, flourish exceed- Society on the plan just stated, would very greatly ingly. Of most of these articles, we have the strengthen the bonds of union between its mem-

A description of the native Africans who inhabit this vicinity, although they are considered ment. They even land and carry their goods by our door. With a good assortment of trade artidred bushels of rice per day. The slavers are a impatiently for strength to forbid their intrusion. The natives are much addicted to theft, fond of keep her in regular intercourse between the Unimuskets and warlike instruments, and great smokers of tobacco. The climate being warm, light however, fashion is quite in the extreme in this in civilized countries, who are mere devotees of the means of carrying this excellent project into fashion. They are fond of ornaments, such as must be a full half inch in thickness, and the lar which. I have seen persons so loaded with much exertion. To the rings are sometimes atnotice of the approach of persons of distinction

Though these natives are degraded and vicious beyond the conception of persons who have never stepped from the circle of civilization, yet they made in New York, to purchase a ship, and prepossess some qualities which will facilitate their | sent her to a company of coloured mariners, who advancement in the scale of existence, and which | are to sail her in the trade between the United will serve as an encouragement to efforts for their | States and the colonies on the coast of Western Mississippi colonial settlement in Africa, has been | improvement. A strong feeling of curiosity may | Africa. We feel that it is not unbecoming, in be observed in their actions when any thing novel | reference to so important a matter, to state that is presented to their view. Our buildings, our the plan seems to us to be admirable, and well implements, our carpenter and smith work and calculated to promote the views of the Colonizaour mode of agriculture, all engage their attention, | tion society. Among the greatest obstacles with Greenville, W. Africa, Dec. 1, 1837. and excite their admiration. Country man be which this excellent association has been obliged REV. A. B. LAWRENCE.—It is not often that fool-white man know every thing-with other to contend, have been the erroneous notions en-I think not. Teachers of children can easily be ob- few. Nothing of importance has transpired since we enjoy; nor are their minds so stupified or colonies as a method of restoring the African race to educate their children. It is incumbent on you | ing back from the beach, for the distance of a | to obtain a knowledge of the English language, to | as they are disabused of this impression, so soon as one of the founders of the colony, to place be- mile, the soil is almost entirely composed of sili- learn to make book, as their ex- will they begin to look upon the scheme in its fore the eyes of the less informed an example of cious sand, that has the appearance of having pression runs. It is not unusual for persons to proper light, and enter upon it willingly. It is what they should do and what they should be. been gradually rescued from the ocean, and offers | offer themselves as labourers, if they can be in a | well known that the territories upon which the You all went to Cape Palmas to be cultivators; no inducements to cultivation. Leaving this, the situation favourable to learning our language, with African colonists are settled, are remarkable for the colony was to be an agricultural community, | country becomes hilly, and the soil is principally | the prospect of little or no other remuneration. | their productiveness of articles appropriate to their and unless you make it so you will disappoint your | made up of clay and vegetable mould, which is | Our mode of transacting business they are anxious | climate, many of which are in great demand in friends and deceive yourselves. You must look to extremely productive. The Since comes down to imitate. If you hire one of them to labour by this country. If a regular commerce can be the soil for subsistence, for respectability and to us through intervals of rich alluvion, much re- the week or month, or if you purchase any thing established, in which the vegetable and other profinally for wealth, and you will find each and all of sembling those of the Ohio, and other western of them on credit, or if they make any agreement ducts of Africa can be exchanged for the manuthem there. You have as much education as is rivers of the states. On the banks of this river, with you, or leave any thing in your charge, al- factured articles of the United States, a new imrequired for all the purposes of active life; esta- about three miles from the ocean, is situated the petus will be given to the enterprise of emigrants, blish yourself on a farm and in a few years you | principal Sinoe town, beyond which, relying on | you must give them a book or an agreement in | and the love of gain will effect that which theowill find yourself in ease and comfort: whereas if | the accounts of the natives, the country for the | writing upon it, | retical argument is in vain used to bring about. you become a school-master you can make but space of four days journey in the difference, is just as Let vessels be seen trading regularly with the

without our knowledge, and at their own expense. | tion. Nor will the fear of being permanently For a few of the first days, the school was attend- separated from their friends deter persons any ed by about forty boys. This circumstance alone longer from paying a visit to the colonies, as the is sufficient to show that schools might be com- regularity of intercourse will insure to them a of industry and care. This is in fact the inex- cies enlarge their trunks to more than a foot in menced under the most favourable circumstances. return whenever they may wish to come back. haustible source or cruise, for it is a mistake to sup- | diameter; but still too weak to stand erect, they | There is room for at least half a dozen teachers | The great scheme of colonizing Africa is well pose the widow's unfailing cruise of oil, of which | throw off their branches, twisting and fastening | within five miles of our settlement, at places | worthy of the able minds by which it was planned. we read in the bible, was a favour conferred on | upon every object capable of yielding support | where it may be said the people are waiting for | It was conceived in a spirit of the most active her alone—it is a favour conferred on us all. She until they seem to tie the whole forest together. schools. I believe that that part of the coast is a beneficence, and if judiciously carried out will be was directed to draw from the constantly reple- These, with climbing ferns of dense foliage weav- rich field for missionary effort. The people are the cause of infinite good. Formed into communished cruise; we are directed to draw from the | ing and interlocking, form tangles and thickets | neither Mahomedans nor idolaters. Indeed I can- | nities in Africa, where the land is fruitful of the constantly productive earth—a source that will not | quite impervious to man or beast. Obstacles of | not ascertain that they have religion of any kind. | rewards of industry and living under a climate

The slave trade is carried, this season, to an almost unparalleled degree. Scarce a day passes Of cattle we have both wild and domesticated. but one or more slaving vessels are in sight. One

Yours, truly, J. L. BLODGETT.

Colonization.

A number of intelligent friends of the American course, elect an executive committee or manabers, and secure harmony and efficiency of action country and Africa. It is of great importance that the subject receive the deep consideration of the friends of the cause in every state of the Union, and that the several auxiliary societies should be fully and ably represented at the next annual meeting of the Society .- Christian Statesman.

Onward Movement of the Cause.

We are happy to state that Judge Wilkeson has accepted a general agency for the entire Union, for the cause of African colonization, from the parent society, and that he is now engaged with his remarkable zeal and energy in his project of obtaining funds, by donation, for the purchase of a ship, to be sold to free persons of colour, who may agree to man her with coloured sailors, and ted States and Liberia, and to pay for the vessel by conveying emigrants from time to time to the various settlements on that coast. The generous friends of Africa in New-York, Philadelphia and other places, will, it is believed, speedily furnish effect. Probably ten thousand dollars may be reand this amount (or more if necessary) we doubt not will soon be supplied by the wealthy and liberal friends of the society The signs of the times indicate a reviving hope and vastly augmented efforts among the advocates of a scheme which embraces in its compass of beneficence, the interests of two races and two continents.—ib.

We yesterday noticed a proposition recently African settlements and transporting to and fro fail while seed time and harvest remain. My de- | this kind are unfavourable to an expeditious sur- | There are, therefore, no structures of superstition | peculiarly adapted to their animal economy, the