in good health and spirits. – When the Jupiter left Monrovia, on the 9th of March last, for the United States, the Ann was on the eve of starting on her return to Dr. Hall, with the persons that had been left, and after remaining at the Cape until these were landed, and the Cargo taken out, which had been suffered to remain unloaded, until a place was provided for its reception, she would be discharged, and return to this country. –

A highly gratifying circumstance, attending the negotiation of Dr. Hall and one calculated to inspire confidence in the good faith of the natives, among whom he now finds himself, is, that each of these Kings placed in his hands one of his sons to be sent to the United States to be educated by the State Colonization Society; and another is, that they have stipulated for the establishment of a free school by the Society, for reading and writing in each of their chief towns, within a year from the date of the treaty. – Two of the boys have reached this Country, and are now in the City of Baltimore, – the third was taken sick at Monrovia, and was not well enough when the Jupiter sailed to encounter a Sea voyage. While hostages are thus in the hands of the State Society, of the most important character an admirable opportunity is afforded of advancing the great cause of civilization by training up these children in the paths

of religion and learning, so that on their return to their native land, they will not only be possessed of kind feelings to their friends in America, but they will be fitted to do good unto Africa by precept, as well as by example, softening the hearts of those around them, by a milder rule, and, at the same time meliorating their habits and improving their condition. –

Thus far through the protection and assistance of a beneficent Providence, success has attended the bold attempt of the Maryland State Colonization Society, to establish a new colony under its auspices on the Coast of Africa, upon a spot the importance of which in every point of view, can hardly be too highly appreciated; and the first impulse of the heart is to return thanks, and to give the glory, unto him, whose hand has protected the wanderers on the pathless deep, until, unharmed, they have landed on their Fathers' shores. – May the same Almighty power fill their hearts with his grace; teach them to walk in all things acceptably in his sight; and make them the means of spreading the light of his Gospel over the vast continent on whose borders they now stand – the pioneers of civilization and religion!

But although in the result of the State Society's labours, thus far there is certainly the greatest cause for thankfulness and congratulation, the work before it has been only commenced. The responsibilities of the

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