Office of the Maryl.d St. Col. Soc.
Baltimore Feby. 18th. 1854

To J. T. Gibson Esq.
Sir,

The Presidents and Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, having great confidence in your integrity, moral character, and good judgement, have this day appointed you their Agent at Maryland in Liberia. The appointment is only to take effect from and after the day on which their present Agent, His Ex.cy Gov. McGill may notify you in writing that he has resigned his Agency.

As the Board cannot at this time form any correct idea of the extent of the Duties you may be called on to perform, and of the services they will expect from you; they have not decided on the Salary to be attached to the Office. They have however apprized Gov. McGill of their views, and have authoriz.d him to make a temporary arrangement with you, & whatever rate of compensation he may, on behalf of the Board, agree to pay, you will continue to receive untill otherwise notified by the Board. You will receive herewith, should you accept the appointment, as we hope you will, a letter of Instructions from Dr. Hall, the general Agent of the Society, to which we beg leave to ask your particular attention.

The Board deem it proper to adopt the rule, that hereafter their Agents be called on to give Bond for the faithful discharge of their duties; and this they will expect you to do. I have written to Gov. McGill, giving him our views as to the form of the Bond, and requesting him to see that it is prepared in accordance with them.

I remain Sir
Respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
Charles Howard
Pres.t Md. St. Col. Soc.

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