the Churches or Schools, & for the support & clothing of Min=isters & Teachers, we do think it would be good policy in you to allow to be imported, without attempting to derive a revenue to the State therefrom. We arrive at this conclusion on general grounds, beleiving that the state will derive from the spread of education & religion, benefits incalculably greater, than any pecuniary revenue would afford. But as we are informed that what we suggest is the course actually pursued in the Republic of Liberia, it seems to us that, it would be almost suicidal in you to adopt a more restrictive & illiberal policy - which would, we apprehend, tend materially to prevent the further establishment of Missions in your state, & perhaps gradually, if not at once, lead to the removal of those already established there, to the neighbouring Republic, or to other places beyond your limits. We hope therefore, that your Legislative authorities will give to this sub=ject the serious consideration which its importance deserves, and, that they will beleive that in making the above suggestions, we are actuated by no other mo=tive than a sincere desire, that all your proceedings shall be such as are best calculated to promote the true & permanent interests of the State.

I beg leave to refer you to Dr. Hall's letters for details as to the expedition which will leave here tomorrow. The emigrants are we think, of such a character as will make them a desirable acquisition to your pop=ulation. I regret that there are not more of them

from our own State, and that the Colored people of Mary=land, either from obstinate incredulity, or from want of spirit & enterprise, still so generally decline availing themselves of such opportunities of bettering their con=dition, as they might secure by casting in their Lot a=mong their brethren, the founders of Civilized Nations on the opposite shores of the Atlantic.

I am Very Respt.
Yr. Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Charles Howard
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