appointment of collecter—

The appointment of a collecter and solicitor of contributions and subscriptions having been again referred to the Executive committee with a recommendation of Dr Ayres to their especial consideration the executive committee upon a full view of all the circumstances finally decided to engage the services of Mr Ball. But the approach of malignant cholera seeming to render an application to the community at present inexpedient Mr Ball was instructed not to commence operations till further orders—

Letter to Agent.

Oct 15th The committee addressed the letter which is copied below to the agent of the Society on the Eastern Shore in obedience to the following resolution of the board of Managers—

"Resolved that the executive committee be directed to instruct the agent of the Society on the Eastern Shore to procure the appropriation by the auxiliary Societies there of such funds as may be necessary to secure effectually the personal comforts of the emigrants from that portion of the State as well as to furnish them with such tools and implements as may enable them to prosecute their respective agricultural & mechanical pursuits in Africa."

Balt. Oct 13th 1832—

The Revd Wm McKenney—

Reverend and Dear Sir.— In pursuance of the enclosed resolution of the Board of Managers, the Executive Committee request your attention to the same — Its object, as understood by the Committee, is to authorise the application (so far as it may be necessary of local funds to local purposes) to wit— the comfortable equipment of emigrants from the districts respectively embraced by the operations of the auxiliary Societies— and also to stimulate contributors to liberality, by the prospect of the expenditure of their bounty, in the first instance, for the especial benefit of their own vicinity— In extension of these suggestions the committee beg leave to add that it is deemed a point of great importance that emigrants should be so decently apparelled as to secure them respectful regard at

their first landing— The impression made upon an orderly and thriving community by a squalid and comfortless appearance of emigrants is, as we know from our daily experience, extremely prejudicial to their future welfare. While a neat and cleanly stranger is welcomed as a valuable acquisition, the ragged and filthy are rejected as paupers, or worse, or at least are not greeted with cordiality — Another circumstance particularly worthy of notice is brought to the attention of the Committee by their well informed and indefatigable cooperator in this Holy enterprise, Mr Moses Sheppard. He states that, from some unexplained cause, the edge tools for agricultural purposes, which are manufactured in this country, are useless at Liberia. A valuable assortment of axes and the like made in the best manner by Henry Hynson and carried out with him proved of no use. It would, therefore, be desirable to furnish emigrants with the means of purchasing on their arrival in Africa such as may be recommended by the experience of that country—

With great respect. Your obt Servant
(signed) Solomon Etting. Chairman &c

Revd R R Gurley
Secy American Col. Soc.
Washington D.C.

June 8th 1832

Dear Sir

Letter to RR Gurley

The Executive Committee of the Maryland State Colonization Society are authorized to subscribe for fifty copies of the "Liberia Herald". Will you do us the favour in your first communication with Governor Mechlin to request 50 Copies of the Herald to be sent regularly to Baltimore (until otherwise ordered) directed to Geo. Hoffman Esqr. President of the Md St. Col. Society; we have funds at Monrovia arising from the Cargo of the Union which we presume are in the hands of Governor Mechlin. out of which he will pay for the Herald; or the amount will be remitted if our funds there prove insufficient

very respectfully Solomon Etting
Chm Exect Comte (Md State Col. Society)

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