Liberia Africa July 9. 1831

Dear and Esteemed friend:-

It is with no Small degree of pleasure, that moves me to my pen in order to communicate with you, upon a subject in which I feel deeply interested, and which, in my opinion, will be productive of much general good Relative to African Colonization; and I hope this letter will find you prepared fully, in point of health, to peruse my feble ideas Relative to the same. I read, with the highest impulse of pleasure, a part of your letter to Mr. Mc Gill Relative to the establishment of a new Settlement on the coast of Africa; also a little Pamphlet which he gave me giving an account of the Maryland State colonization Society- In regard to the former, if carried into effect (which I hope will be) I am decidedly of opinion, that it will have a tendency to do much general good- First, in its tendency to increase the commercial character of Liberia and of affording mutual aid to the Colonists generally. Secondly, to enhance the character of Emigration in the State of Maryland, and of affording a more ample Supply of African comforts, and of establishing a more extensive foundation of happiness to the present Colonists and also to future coming Emigrants. A meeting was called in Monrovia, on the 2d of July, for the purpose of hearing the proposals of your Letter to Mr. Mc Gill, Relative to the forming of a new Settlement, and after hearing the Same, it highly approved of the proposals, and appointed a committee to answer your letter Relative to the forming of a new Settlement, also the mode of forming the Same, and the number of persons willing to engage in the undertaking- I will State, for your Satisfaction, the Resolutions of that meeting." Pursuant to public notice, a meeting of the Citizens of Monrovia was held July 2d, in the Town House, for the purpose of hearing the proposals of Mr. J. H. B. Latrobe's Letter to Mr. Mc Gill, Relative to the practicability of forming a new Settlement- Mr. J. D. Preston was called to the

Rev. Mr. Mills
Liberia
July 9th 1831.

Mr. John H. B. Latrobe
Baltimore
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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

1. May 1827--December 1833

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