into convenient wards, to appoint suitable Committees to wait on the Citizens, & to allow a proper compensation, reimbursable if required by the Parent Society, to one or more persons, who shall devote their entire time to the object, it being recommended that such persons either in connection with the Committees appointed or alone, make such call.

That the zealous friends of the cause be invited to place their names at the head of the lists presented generally to the citizens for subscription.

That the President or Secretary of the said Auxiliary Societies be requested to convene them without delay, and to advise the Parent Society of the steps taken by them.

Address

Am. Colonization Society
Washington 1st Nov. 1831

Fellow Citizens,

We have reached a crisis deeply momentous to the colonization of the free people of colour in Africa. Hitherto owing to the supineness of the whites the importance of this object has not been adequately appreciated by them, while the people of colour have too generally considered the scheme as equivocal benefit to them. Recent events have presented these points in their true lights, and an almost universal conviction now prevails, that, without the most strenuous efforts, the late afflicting scenes, flagrant & calamitous as they are, will be followed by evils still more appalling. The free people of color have awakened from their slumber to a keen sense of their situation, and are ready, in large numbers, to emigrate to the colony of Liberia. Applications to this end are made to the Board of managers from various parts of the Union. It is the desire of the Board to seize this propitious moment. So far as their means admit they have arranged the fitting out of expeditions, one from New York, one from Baltimore, one from Norfolk, and one from New Orleans. These will more than absorb all their funds. With sufficient means they could now transport more than a thousand emigrants who have announced their readiness to depart.

On you, fellow citizens, it rests to decide whether these favorable circumstances shall be rendered subservient to the holy cause in which we are engaged. The interesting statistical information just received from our agents demonstrates the general health of the colony, and that all it needs to attain dignity & enlarged utility is an accession of numbers.

To obtain the means of realizing these objects

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II. Correspondence Received
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