Baltimore 8th August 1832

Dear Sir

Between the 1st of May and 9th of June I visited and delivered public addresses in most of the principal towns on the Eastern Shore, and formed Auxiliary Societies in Chestertown, Centreville, Princess-Anne, Snow-Hill, Salisbury and Quantico

I found Societies nominally existing in Cambridge and Easton which I could not revive; and from motives of delicacy to their officers it was thought inexpedient to attempt to form new ones in this stead

My mode of operation was to call public meetings at which the coloured people were encouraged to attend - to deliver addresses and distribute Colonization pamphlets and then to address the coloured people at meetings called by themselves, at which all the Preachers of the Gospel in the vicinity together with such other persons as were supposed in to possess in a peculiar degree the confidence of the people of colour, were invited to attend, and vouch for the truth of my statements, and to make such other remarks as they should think best and to conclude the whole by distributing pamphlets among them. The effect of this plan on the Eastern Shore in subduing the prejudices of the coloured people, and in exciting among them a desire to Emigrate to Liberia was truly gratifying and indeed astonishing, both to myself and others who witnessed its influence

On my return from the Eastern Shore I made an

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