now judge conclusively on the subject.

Our managers have requested me to correspond with you, on the subject of a receptacle for emigrants from Maryland, to be erected at Caldwell, & also in regard to the support of a Physician for their benefit, at that place. A Receptacle for 200 emigrants, & which would last several years, would not, I imagine be very expensive & would be of great utility. I should think the Frame & weather-boarding ~~should~~ ~~would~~ might be sent out from this country. It would be cheaper, I presume to have several smaller buildings put up in the native style & probably be as favourable to health. In this case, the Colonial Agent could be instructed to see them prepared, & the expense might be limited say to $500. No respectable Physician could probably be employed to reside in Africa under an expense of from a thousand to twelve hundred dollars per annum, with his subsistence. Should you have a large number of emigrants, you might feel justified perhaps in giving employment to such a Physician, or in enabling the Parent Society to do it.

While there remains so much uncertainty in regard to emigrants, perhaps you do not feel it necessary to decide these questions.

It would be unfortunate, just now, I think, to let the Public suppose that all thought of sending a vessel this autumn from your State, is relinquished.

With great esteem
Your friend & Obt
R R Gurley

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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