the expense of such an exploring voyage? It would be necessary of course to put on board various articles of food & presents for African chiefs. It might be well for one or two intelligent Gentlemen from the United States to accompany such expedition, yet I should deem it all important, that it should be accompanied also by Dr Mechlin or some of the most influential colonists. Indeed it would seem [redacted] desirable, that the purchase of Territory in Africa, should be made in the name of the Parent Society, & of course be strictly under the control of the present Colonial Government. As I cannot but think the several State Societies will find it most convenient & economical to conduct their operations through some common Central Board, so I imagine they will act most effectually, easily, & successfully in Africa through the Colonial Agency in Liberia. But in these views I may err. I express them I trust, with becoming diffidence in my own judgment. Is it not time that a Convention should take place of Delegates from the Several State & other Societies, & that the great interests of our cause should be deliberately considered, & the best measures adopted to promote them in a manner more worthy of their magnitude & importance. These are but my ~~indeed~~ thoughts, how our managers might view the last matters ~~to which I have alluded~~, I [redacted] unable to say, but shall early consult them & let you know the result.

With the highest
respect & esteem
Your friend & K

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R R Gurley

I am greatly obliged to you for allowing me to hope for a review of Laird's Travels from your pen. Nothing could be more acceptable. When may I expect it?

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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