I addressed the Blacks in this place last night & again met them again this morning — None have yet given in their names, but there seems to be a very great awakening among them to a sense of the importance of deciding upon some plan to better their condition. — The gentlemen of the town are solicitous to give all the aid within their power to facilitate the great experiment which is making — I have some important facts & suggestions relative to the Eastern Shore which I will make either in person or by letter to your Board. —

I shall visit Princess Ann — Salisbury & Dorchester in turn, leaving here to morrow morning. — after I shall have visited these several places, I shall be able to give you an idea of the number of emigrants that we may confidently rely upon —

If the reputed from Princess Ann, Dorchester & Salisbury remain firm, I think we may calculate confidently upon 100 — or more.

After visiting the counties, or towns named above I shall feel myself at liberty to remain longer among those who are now vibrating —

I received a letter from Mr. Latrobe on Saturday evening, enclosing to me an authority from the managers of the Md. State Society, to act as their agent in the formation of auxiliary Soc'ys &c. Under that authority I have called the attention of the citizens of this town to the subject of a reorganization of the society which once breathed in this place. This will be attended to, & I hope with profit to the Parent institution as many warm hearted friends of the cause seem it spontaneously necessary to reorganize & commence anew. —

Not having time to write to Mr. Latrobe by this mail, please do me the favor to apprise him of the above. —

I will furnish your board, a detailed state=ment of my proceedings at another time & hope to be able, when I next write, to give you such information as will authorize you to advertise forthwith for a vessel.

With Considerations of Respect —
I am Dear Sir
Yr. O.B.V.Sts
W. McKenney
agent & Sec

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A. Letter Books

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