Salisbury Somerset Co

Tuesday. Oct 22. 1832

My dear Sir

On the 13th Inst I made a very hasty & quite a brief report to the Board of my prospects up to that time. Denton, in Caroline County, being at that time the only place at which I had moved upon the church. –

On Wednesday last the 18th I directed my course towards Quantico, a very small village in this County. arrived there some little time after sunset. Soon after, had an interview with Doctor John Austin, the same who reported to your Board, under date of the 28th July last, fourteen candidates for Emigration to Liberia. I found him to be quite a warm friend of the cause, & though a slave holder, extremely anxious for the entire liberation by a gradual process of every slave in the State. He took great pleasure in indulging the belief that this great work will be brought about by Colonization. This hope is evidently espoused by many others.

But to return to the immediate & special object of my visit to this Peninsula. –

The candidates reported by the Doctor for Emigration to Liberia, have as he said cooled, or rather actually backslid – He feared that it would be difficult to revive the spirit of emigration among them. His own opinion led him to hope almost against hope. Under advice from him, I consented to have an appointment to hold a public religious meeting, made for Friday the 18th. Quantico being only about nine miles from this place, I determined to spend Thursday here, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements to collect the people

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

1. May 1827--December 1833

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