Salisbury Somerset County
Oct 26. 1832

Charles Howard esq
Dear Sir

Referring you to my letter of the 16th Inst from Cambridge, I now have the pleasure to state that we may confidently, as I believe, rely upon Eighty Emigrants from this shore.

On the 17th I left Cambridge for this County - On reaching Princess, a small village distant about nine miles from this Town, I made an appointment to meet the people, both white & colored, on Friday the 19th. It always requires from two to three days in those small villages & country places, to disseminate general information of intended public meetings. Wishing to save as much time as possible, I hoped on to this Town & made similar arrangements, to take effect on the following Sabbath at a Camp Meeting four miles from the Town. On Friday morning I returned to Princess, and after much labour in the morning, & again at night, (I dare say you it requires much to meet all the demons which are al==most incessantly made on a Methodist Preacher) succeeded much better than I had hoped - the length of time that had elapsed since the subject of Emigration to Liberia was first named to the People, together with a thousand idle tales, invented by silly unthinking whites, as well as blacks, had greatly cooled the ardour of those who had given in their names in July to Doctor John Austin. - It was feared by the Doctor that it would be almost impossible to revive in them the spirit of Emigration - We were both very specially disappointed. Eighteen of the most worthy & intelligent gave in their names to me on Saturday morning, under a solemn promise to be ready to embark, on from the 15th to the 20th, of next month, either from some point on this shore or Baltimore. not earlier than the 15th or later than the 20th.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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