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I left Lewistown on Saturday afternoon, & returned through this Town to the Camp ground, having previously arranged with the Managers of the Salisbury auxiliary Society to deliver from the Camp Stand on Sunday afternoon, an address to the whites upon the general subject of Colon. & to the Blacks upon the Special subject of Emigration to Liberia. - This purpose was, for the time being, overruled by Providence; It commenced raining before the morning sermon was ended, continued to rain throughout the day, & indeed, off & on, for several days. - The rain produced a pretty general decampment. - On Monday night, although the weather still continued very unfavorable, we had a very large gathering of both whites & blacks in the Methodist Episcopal Church of this Town. I delivered an address to each class, & with good effect upon both. -

The views of our Board, and also the liberal intention of the Managers of the Maryland State Col. Society, are highly approved of. The subject seems to have taken a deep hold on the feelings of almost all classes of the whites. - Many of them are aware of the vast importance of Colon., not only as it regards (& will ~~effectually~~ certainly promote) the elevation of the free blacks, but also as it regards ~~the~~ a new organization of their domestic economy. Several slave holders in this Town are willing to give up their slaves now: and others are anxious to do it in a more gradual way. - The members of the Methodist Church are to a man hearty in the cause, & will go the whole figure. -

With the Blacks our success was better than our expectations. Nearly all whom names were reported to you in July last, ~~had~~ declared going; ~~indeed~~ some of them did not intend to go when they first gave in their names, under from one to two years. There are nine upwards of thirty, who have been accepted, under the respectably expressed conditions that none would be reported to your Board, who could not give satisfactory assurances, that they would be ready by the 15th of next month - to embark in the first vessel point on this shore, or Baltimore.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

1. May 1827--December 1833

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