3.

Having been confined to my room since Monday night, I have not been able to go out among the blacks, & therefore depend upon the reports of the leading managers of the society here. Some of them are very active, & give me quite cheering reports of the tone of feeling prevailing among the blacks. —

One of the most intelligent and pious among the blacks who is worth considerable property, say 250 acres of land besides stock, visited me yesterday morning. His whole soul seems to be full of Africa. He is held in high estimation by the whites, & has great influence with the blacks. — Although his wife is altogether averse to leaving America, he has determined to go. His object is to track through the colony, fix upon some good eligible farming lands, & return for his family. He will be an ~~[illegible]~~ acquisition of much worth to the Colony, & should he return to this Country according to his purpose, he will carry back with him hundreds to the Colony. — He is now visiting his friends in the neighborhood, endeavoring to prevail on them to go with him at once. — He says nothing but death will prevent his going. — A venerable old man, probably sixty years of age, came to the altar of the church on Monday night, & stated that he was now satisfied that the white people were in earnest to do his color good, & that he should visit his sons & their families, who live in the Country & beg them to go with him to Liberia. He said he would go with them if he died the moment he landed. — or as even sure of dying on the passage. — Should he succeed with his sons & their families they will swell the number already received here to about 60. — His success forms no part of my calculation as to the number I am led to believe we may confidently calculate on.

Making due allowance for all contingencies, I think, & believe we shall have at least than 80. — I therefore respectfully suggest to the Board the propriety of providing forthwith for a repel capable of carrying out with comfort from 80, to any additional number that may have applied to me on your shore. —

In answering to the Emigrants on this shore, that they must be ready by the 15th to embark either from some point here, or at Baltimore, I consulted as nearly as possible

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

1. May 1827—December 1833

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