you wish to get them off at an early period. - They cannot not be ready at an earlier period - If you can fix upon that or the 20th, and apprise one of your determination they shall be ready - It will not do to have them <u>now</u> to collect at a much later period -

I have thought much upon the place of embarkation - I have come to the conclusion that Baltimore will be the most eligible - It will cost less to get the emigrants from the different counties of this shore to Baltimore than it will to concentrate them at any one point <u>on</u> this shore - besides which, there is no one ~~eligible~~ point or place on this peninsula <u>at all eligible</u>, that is not encumbered with the difficulty of shoal water. I need the opposition of the blacks in Balti= more still continue unmitigated, <u>Annapolis</u> would be unsa= fe as well -

I should be pleased to hear from you on this subject im= mediately, and all other connected with my agency. -

Being now I must be cleared from any late indisposition, I cal= culate to be in Dandskill on Common evening - or Monday - & in Trin= ity ann by the middle of the week. To insure the receipt of your answer, I suggest that one copy be placed in the mail, directed to me here - another in one of the trading vessels of this place, (two or three leave Baltimore for this place direct every week) & a third, by mail to <u>Cambridge</u> Dorchester County. This will be from some trouble, but the importance of ~~the~~ my being in possession of the information sought will probably justify it -

Please excuse the interlineations & other defects of this, as I do not feel quite prepared to copy -

With respects
I am Dear
Yr obt Sr
D. McKenney
agent &c

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A. Letter Books

1. May 1827--December 1833

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