sect of men, however intelligent, if well provided with stores, and place them here among our natives; where you could obtain older emigrants who have been acclimated, and are acquainted with native habits to be the process in this labor of love on your part.

4. In answer to this interrogatory, I believe the best time to establish such a colony, would be in the months of October, November or December; and my reasons are, that the rains begin to abate in October and the natives bring in Rice in great plenty for sale; this is the time which all old colonists embrace as the cheapest and most plentiful time to purchase for their subsistence during the next rains. — A vessel to arrive here in good season should leave the United States as early as August September or October but no later; and she will then arrive here in the most pleasant part of our seasons.

5. In answer to this interrogatory, I know that the vessel should have an assorted cargo of Flour, meal, Beef, Pork Mackerel, Vinegar, Sugar Molasses, Rum or Whiskey for trade, Crates of Wash Basons Mugs, Pitchers, Decanters, Bales of Blue Durrahs, Hoes, Salem spades, Red Caps, ready made clothing (Woollen) for emigrants during the rains, Iron pots small sizes, Brass Kettles Neptunes, Axes, hatchets Gun & guns powder, flints 6 ps Mounted Cannon every apparatus complete for the new Colony, swords, Cutlasses, Blacksmiths & carpenters tools, four houses 40 or 50 feet each in frames complete for immediate erection, nails &c and every thing which would be of service to new settlers in the U.S. And for Medicines let there be plenty of Castor Oil, Lees Antiphlogistic Pills, Calomel and Quinine sulphate of &c

6. I answer this interrogatory in the affirmative, and beg leave to recommend our present Vice Agent A. D. Williams as a man in whom the Maryland Society may put very confidence. In the course of a few months he will be in the U. States, and I will give him an introductory letter. You may believe every statement he may make.

7. In answer to this interrogatory, I believe the best plan would be, Should your Society determine to acclimate them here, to have suitable bodies engaged for their reception by your Agent here. Great care should be taken that they come well provided with mattrasses sheets and cots or bedsteads. Many emigrants have died here for the want of these comforts. Generally they are badly in want of clothing which during the fever should be changed every day.

8. In answer to this interrogatory I believe the months of October November and December to be the best time for emigrants to arrive. — I believe the rainy season to be the most fatal to new comers as most all then take the fever before the system has had time to undergo the least change or prepare itself. In the dry, if an emigrant leaves the U S in August or September he experiences no change in his system hardly; he leaves in warm weather and meets here with a climate equally as pleasant to say the least of it. The change I suppose which does take place is done gradually and by the time he is taken with the fever he is in measure prepared for it. In the West Indies and New Orleans it is the current opinion of medical men that the longer a stranger remains before he is taken with the fever, the greater is his chance of recovery; and why may we not say the same of our fever. All my observations in favor of leaving the U. States in warm weather, and decided views I in this belief that I should have remained at least one winter in Africa for the next season rather than have left in the winter.

My answers to these queries have been written for some time, but I was mislaid at that time of the Enterprise sailing and are to this day. I hope your Nos of the Herald arrive whenever there is a vessel from the Colony. Hoping to hear from you whenever your leisure will permit, and that these few lines may be of service to the cause which you espouse

I remain Dear Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obd. Servt.
Jno B Russwurm

J. H. B. Latrobe Esq

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