Monrovia Feby 3d 1834

J H B Latrobe

Dear Sir

The Brig Ann with all who embarked on board of her in the harbour of Baltimore, arrived in health and safety at Monrovia on the 25th January after a tedious passage of sixty one days.

I regret very much that I am compelled at this early period, respectfully to resign my situation as assistant Agent for the M S C Society. If it should be deemed necessary for me to assign a reason for this step; perhaps it will be sufficient to impeach myself. I acted precipitately and imprudently; and I hope the Board of Managers will pardon my reprehensible remissness. It is from an honest conviction that I cannot be really serviceable to the Colony, or to the Society, that I have been induced to adopt this course.

The completion of a family is not generally, if ever, received from a subordinate member thereof, but from the parent or Master who has the supreme controul of his household. In my present situation, there is no definite duty assigned me; consequently I can have no actual authority, but must, from principles of honor and righteousness, obey the commands, and meet the wishes of one who does not regard the ~~and~~ Bible as the word of God.

If my life is spared, I shall remain with the expedition until the enterprise is settled; and after that object is effected, I shall consider my connection with the society and ~~colony~~ the Colony dissolved.

I am pleased and agreeably disappointed at the prospect which Africa presents as a comfortable happy home for her degraded oppressed children, now ~~breathing~~ in our christian land. I think there cannot be a rational doubt, but that the country generally will be as healthy for our coloured people after they shall have become acclimated, as any part of our southern states. It is equally certain, that

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Letter of Resignation