A Proclamation.

To the inhabitants of Maryland in Liberia

Gratitude has ever been justly considered one of the noblest attributes of our nature & a prominent characteristic of the wise & virtuous in all ages: & gratitude & thanksgiving to the Supreme ruler of the universe for all blessings constitutes an important part of both natural & revealed religion: & no duties are more strongly enjoined upon us by the inspired writers than to "Enter into the gates of the Most Highest with thanksgiving & into his courts with praise, to be thankful unto him & speak good of his name".

Upon us are thus exhorted to express our gratitude to our heavenly father for our being, preservation & the many other blessings we individually enjoy: it specially behoves us, the inhabitants of this Colony, at this time publickly to express our deep sense of divine favour and protection. We humbly conceive that if ever there was an instance of providential interposition & guidance to promote & favour the views & exertions of man, it has been strikingly visible in enabling us thus far to accomplish an undertaking the most liberal & philanthropic, & one which has the best merits the smiles & approbation of Heaven.

Upon the moment of our embarkation from our native land to the present, we have experienced but one uninterrupted series of prosperous events. When on the mighty deep, "He commands the storm to cease & the waves thereof to be still, & safely brought us to the haven where we would be". He so disposed the hearts of the heathen, that they peacefully welcomed us to their delightful shores, & granted us their soil as our home forever. The season has been uncommonly favourable to the prosecution of our designs: the early rains have been delayed until we have become well prepared for their approach: the earth has yielded

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

2. 1834--1835

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