Anne Arundle County
near Owingsville
Sept 24. 1834

Dear Sir

I wrote yesterday to C. Howard esq giving him a hasty statement of my prospects of success in procuring Emigrants of a suitable character for the Cape Palmas Colony -

I now write to assure the Board that it will be utterly impossible to get any of the Emigrants ready to embark before the 15th of November. A considerable majority of those that have agreed to go are now slaves, whose masters, though glad of the opportunity to give them freedom under circumstances so favorable to their future prosperity, cannot part with them until they have saved their tobacco crops. - This they cannot do sooner than the time I have mentioned - The same is true of those who are free. - None of them could have been ready sooner, if they had been waited upon this month earlier. -

I cannot name the precise number that will go - By next Wednesday night I shall know more certainly, & will report to

Rev. Mr. Williams
Corr. Sec. M. S. Colonization Soc.
date Sept. 24 1834

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