The Agency will require a good deal of exposure — and in a season too, when the inclemencies of a clime are usually felt in all their rigor.

I much fear that under these circumstances, I could contribute little or nothing to your cause, and at the same time I should be running great risk of totally undermining my constitution.

Duty to myself therefore, as well as to the agency, clearly makes it imperative upon me, respectfully to decline the appointment.

I do hope you will soon succeed in procuring an Agent, more experienced, and better qualified, than myself, for the N. Eng. States.

You need the most talented and prudent man in the whole land for that agency.

In N. Eng. are the ablest and bitterest enemies to your cause — and in some way or other, they will cross the path of your Agent.

Please to express to the Board my entire approbation of their plan for abolishing slavery in Maryland, and my high admiration for their zeal and efficiency in the work. I verily believe that Colonization is the cause of God.

With the kindest feelings

Your's Most Resp.y

S. R. Wynkoop

I hope that at some future day, it will be in my power, to engage in your service.

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A. Letter Books

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