& religion all conspired to induce them cheerfully & joyfully to press into the colony — But all in vain — the only answer I could get was "If I must — I must — If master says I must I cannot help it &c. — They are nevertheless I think capable of being made good colonists — The Colonial plantation would be a most excellent school for them, & I have no doubt that Doctor Hall would soon be able to infuse into them a proper relish for independence. — For the sake of their children & their posterity I have convinced their masters that they all ought to go to the colony — The stubbornness of four or five ignorant parents should not prevent twenty odd fine healthy & active young men, boys & girls, from being placed in the only asylum where they will be saved from vice, degradation & infamy. — They are therefore extremely anxious that the Society should receive them, & as already intimated, I have made such an arrangement, provided it meets the sanction of the Board. — I have told the negroes that they are now under the law — & their masters, if they were so disposed, *cannot keep them either* in the *County* or the State — that if they go not to Maryland in Liberia the Sheriff will be obliged to take them up & send them down in Pennsylvania, where in all probability they will either starve, be sent to the Penitentiary or be hung. —

But for the great anxiety I feel for ~~the~~ so many young men boys & girls, I should most certainly recommend to the Commissioners to throw the responsibility of getting them out of the state upon the Sheriff of the County — But as it is, I cannot but earnestly recommend to them the course I have conditionally agreed upon, which is, that they shall be brought to Baltimore at the expense of the Board, or the Society, accompanied by the Revd. Mr. Goodwin who will, if he can stay from home so long, attend to their embarkation for Africa. — Humanity & religion both plead for such a disposition of them. —

I left Friendship last Friday, expecting to get to Mr. Pannkons that evening, as I wrote you, but was detained at the miserable Ferry on the Patuxent so long that I had to call *here*, which so far, I have every reason to believe was providential — I arrived much fatigued a little before sundown — was called upon to preach — did so — & finding a good colonization pulse among the people, I appointed to meet them the following Friday (to morrow) at 11 o'clock — & the blacks at night — Mr. Bowie, a member of the State Council — & Mr. Worthington, Mr. Carole and others are all *favorable* to colonization — I shall make a dead set at them to morrow,

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A. Letter Books

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