at 4 oclock in the afternoon, - to give the whites an invitation to attend. - The gallery of the house was all filled with blacks - & the lower floor with whites - I addressed them for the space of one hour & twenty five minutes - & I am pleased to say with some good success. -

The blacks were, up to saturday morning, almost to a man opposed to colonization - They are now almost to a man heartily in favour of it - After meeting I was met by a very intelligent young black who said to me, that his Minister had first told him that he would liberate him if he wished to go - He soon made up his mind, and I fear will not be able to go before the fall, as his wife stands somelittle in his way - It is not certain however but that he will be ready by the 25th - Oct. -

The man William, sent to me by Mr. Chamberlaine, (see his letter) will be ready also by the 25th - also Jacob Gibson his wife & seven children -

I was waited upon on monday morning, by the heads of several black families all of whom wish to go, but they are farmers, have pitched their crops & consequently will not be able to pull up stakes before the fall. -

Doctor John Barnett, who lives almost nine miles from Easton, & with whom I spent monday night, & part of monday morning, is extremely solicitous to promote the success of the colony - He has manumitted two valuable slaves & will send them to this Office by or before the 25th - If they shall not agree to go to cape Palmas they are to keep on to Pennsylvania - He has one, who is extremely anxious to go, & will be manumitted for the purpose, provided his master can hire a hand to take his place until after Harvest. - He intends to manumit the whole of his slaves as they shall respectively reach the age of 27 - with special reference to making them members of the colony -

~~Doctor~~ am armed in Easton tuesday

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A. Letter Books

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