May 13th 1835

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 5th, yesterday and I immediately communicated its contents to Hanna Beggers. he requests me to inform you that he will not be able to go to Liberia this spring - and his reasons are these - his children are the slaves of a ~~[illegible]~~ Minister of the Gospel of the Methodist Church, who resides in this neighbourhood. and Hanna informs me that this gentleman had promised that whenever he was ready to go to Africa his children should go with him - when Hanna returned from Balt. in March last this gentleman was waited on and presented with one of the pamphlets you sent by Hanna and the letter you addressed to me - as evidence that Hanna really intended to go to Africa. and contrary to Hanna's expectation the Master of his children positively refused to give them up - in consequence of which Hanna's wife will not consent to go - she being unwilling to go without her children ~~and Hanna~~ Hanna would be pleased to go provided he could take his family with him as he expected he could do when he was in Baltimore - but in this he has been disappointed and in consequence of which he will have to decline going this spring -

Very respectfully

Charles Howard Esq

C H Boole

New York, May 18th 1835.

Rev & Dr Sir,

The Rev. Mr Gould, arrived here this day from Cape Palmas; - & in a state of debility & prostration from disease & suffering during his long voyage, which makes him truly an object of interest & commiseration. He is now at the house of Rev. B. Waugh, where I saw him this evening, unable to sit up, wasted to a skeleton, & much depressed in mind. He desired that I would write you immediately, & make known his situation to your Board & his friends. He is too weak to say much, & thinks he will die, but I confess I do not discover any reason to apprehend immediate danger. I could learn but little from him touching your colony, but that little he can communicate is highly favorable, except in relation to Dr Hall, from whom he recieved any thing but kindness, & he represents the Dr to be entirely unfit for his office, & says that he openly avows himself to be an infidel, talks of returning to the United States & becoming an abolitionist, &c. Thus much, it may be proper for me to say to you, should he live to see you, as he seems ardently to desire, he has much to say to your Board, and I have hope that he may be able to go on soon, when he shall recruit from the sufferings & almost starvation, he has endured on the passage. At present his state of body & mind, is calculated to awaken sympathy & acute feeling.

As I have seen him but once, I may find it necessary to write again, which I shall certainly do, if an unfavorable result is anticipated. Let him hear from you soon.

Our cause is prospering here as you have doubtless seen in the papers - Remember me kindly to the Board & all friends

Yours truly

S. W. Reese

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