course would be to take them to Baltimore either by a sail vessel or by steam boat. We hope however that this will yet be found unnecessary. The 6th section of the act of Legislature which places these people in the hands of the Managers of the Maryland State Colonization fund, gives them power to hire these people out until they shall earn a sum sufficient to remove them, & establish them at the place whither they may go. Now the great object to be gained by this course of procedure would be, to give these people time to reflect, & especially to hear from those who will at this time embark for Liberia. It is evident that they are, in their present circumstances, under the influence of evil counsels. We know not what effect a removal from this place, & a change of circumstances may produce on their minds. Can they not be hired out in Calvert County or on the Eastern Shore where the cause of Colonization has made some progress? I think the Managers have clearly the power to put such a construction, upon this most constructable act, & you left us yourself under the impression that the Managers had a right thus to act, & would thus act with reference to the children. Why not do the same with those who are grown? You reply that they have already refused to emigrate beyond the limits of the state. True. But we do not know that they will always persist in this course, & besides the law fixes no period when the Managers shall notify the Sheriff & thereby make it his imperious duty forthwith to remove them. I feel more solicitude than I once thought I was capable of feeling for such ungrateful wretches.

Your &c — Henry B. Goodwin

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