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To J. H. B. Latrobe Esq
Cor. Sec. Md Col. Soc.

Dear Sir

My first visit to N. Eng. as the agent of your Society, has closed. You will learn what I have accomplished; and understand some of the difficulties with which I had to contend, in the following details. I intend them to be full; and hope that they will be satisfactory. — I stopped on my way Eastward, at New Haven. Our friend Mr Bacon was absent — his people preferred that no effort should be made till his return. The anti slavery influence has considerable hold there. I proceeded to Hartford. Mr Terry was absent — other gentlemen, also upon whom I called, were absent — and preparations being made for the session of the legislature occupied men's minds, so much, that it was manifest that the subject of colonization could not be presented for more than a week.

I next directed my way for Boston. Here all my first efforts were completely damped. Those, who had been the warmest and most active, were, cold, & indisposed to aid in any way. Mr Everett was the only man, from whom I could obtain even friendly counsel. Dr Sharpe, of whom you wrote, was absent. The orthodox Ministers are generally friendly, quite friendly to colonization, and particularly so to your Society, but they are afraid to do any thing. A decided and open aid to colonization, would blow up them and their churches. Ministers, and active church members looked on with folded arms, upon the anti slavery movements, alarmed at their tendencies, yet fearful one step on their part, would bring out an explosion.

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