stop short of Pensylvania, & that Mr. Lawson, the sheriff, would be put to trouble on account of him, in case the mandate to arrest & carry out of the state should be issued from the Board. Whether Shadrack has not a right to demand his certificate of freedom at the hands of the Clerk of the County Court, he proving himself to be Shadrack whom I manumitted, & whether such a certificate would not be necessary for his protection, I have doubted. When last I conversed with the acting Clerk of the County, he doubted what his duty was in such cases. I think that Shadrack has perhaps had some influence in disinclining Davy & his family towards Liberia. Since Shadrack has for so long a time refused to remain at his former home, & did refuse to see yourself the agent of the Board on the occasion of your last visit to us, & since he peremptorily refuses to labour for those to whom the Board propose to hire him I think that the rightful, legal, & salutary authority of the Board over him & over others cannot be maintained but by his arrest, & removal from the state. Shadrack has found it difficult, in his present circumstances, to get employ, ~~but is now labouring for a man in an immediate neighbourhood who is not over scrupulous in such cases~~ Upon these facts the Board, in their wisdom will decide.

I remain very respectfully Your obt. Henry Wm. Goodwin.

Rev. Wm. McKenney.

To the Revd. William McKenney. — Baltimore.

June 30th. 1835.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the action of the State Board upon the subject of the temporary disposal of the coloured people manumitted by me, who have not gone to Liberia, you will please to inform the board that I am satisfied with the arrangement: and think that the maintenance of the whole of them may be considered an equivalent for the labour of those who are effective.

From my recollection of your communication to Mr. Goodwin upon this subject, (for I have not the letter at hand) I think there was no definite time specified for them to remain with me. But I am willing to keep them until the vessels intended to be chartered in the ensuing autumn shall be ready to sail, hoping that some of them will then consent to go to Cape Palmas. —

Respectfully Your Obt. Geo. D. Parnham.

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