Pantham's Retreat, Sept. 3rd 1834.

Revd. Wm. McHenney, Agent of the Maryland State Board of Colonization,

Dear Sir,

I Mr. Pantham & myself are anxious to receive the earliest intelligence from those of our manumitted servants who sailed for Liberia. We wish that those manumitted coloured people who are still with us, should be called on to make their decision, whether they will go to Maryland in Liberia, so soon as the facts which are to enlighten their decision can be laid before them. In the event of their refusing to go to Liberia, we wish to have them removed from us as soon as practicable. As to the expediency of the course which yourself suggested, viz. to bind out the children in this State, in case the parents refuse to go to Liberia, we altogether approve of it. We, however, place implicit confidence in the wisdom of the Managers whose duty it is, in these matters, to decide. Since they have been hired to us they have behaved quite as well as when they were our slaves. The Sheriff of Charles Co. wrote to the Managers in Baltimore to designate a place, whither he should carry Shadrack; when you honor us with a communication, or with your presence, please to inform us of their decision. With much esteem, I remain, very respectfully,

Yours, Henry B. Goodwin.

Revd. Wm. McHenney.

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