Parnham's Retreat, Oct. 27th 1835.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

Your several letters to me have been duly received. In answer to your grand inquiry, Are the manumitted negroes willing to go to Liberia? I am compelled to answer no. I have delayed writing in hopes that information from those who have gone from this place to Cape Palmas might be received. We have received none. The same obstinacy which you have observed here remains. For some reason, I know not what, these people are better servants than they were before they were manumitted. This is all I can say in their favour. The enemies to emancipation seem to triumph in the result which this case presents. I feel confident from the motives which prompted this act of emancipation that it will ultimate result in good to those who are the subjects of it, & will have a beneficial influence upon the cause of humanity. But how this is to be accomplished God only knows.

In haste, Yours.

Henry B. Goodwin.

Baltimore 29 Oct. 1835.

Hugh D. Evans Esqr.
Recording Sec. of Maryland State Colonization Soc.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th Inst. containing an official notification of my appointment as an agent of the Maryland Colonization Society was received at Elkton a few days since. You will please present my acknowledgements to your Board for the confidence which they have thought fit to repose in my ability to serve the important cause in which they are engaged, and assure them, that in my acceptance of this agency, while it will be my constant aim to promote the best interests of Colonization, I shall greatly need the advice & counsel of the Board.

The Board may consider my services at their disposal on Monday the 1st November: but hope they will permit me occasionally to assist the Maryland State Bible Society in the collection of their funds on the Eastern Shore until they appoint a successor.

Very respectfully
Isaac Easton

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