remaining long among us, & by frequently repeated, as well as judicious, presentations of the subject. Of course you have my opinion as to the utility & expediency of a permanent agent for New England. It is the only way in which much can be effected ~~for the~~ in New England for the colonization of Western Africa.

I do not now think of the suitable man. You inquired whether Mr. White, who has recently been appointed a missionary of our Board for Cape Palmas, could not act as your agent for a time. It would not be expedient. We are decidedly in favor of colonization as a means of promoting the spread of the gospel in Western Africa, & that fact is generally known. But no good would be gained by publicly associating ourselves or any of our missionaries with any existing colonization society. On the contrary, it would soon cripple our power of aiding you directly or indirectly. If we succeed, through the blessing of God, in getting a flourishing mission at Cape Palmas, the hearts of thousands of our best supporters will be drawn to that spot, & their attachments fixed upon it.

Allow me to suggest my strong doubts as to the expediency of sending an agent into New England on the plan of giving him a commission on what money he collects. If the fact were to become known, it would defeat his agency. We give our temporary agents eight dollars per week & their travelling expenses. A fixed sum is better on all accounts than one which is uncertain, & for obvious reasons it should not be larger than may be necessary to secure a suitable man. A permanent agent, however, must have considerably more than would be given to a temporary agent.

You suggest the expediency of a Methodist mission at Cape Palmas & a first on our own. Our experience has been that it is far better for missionaries of different societies, & still more of different denominations, to labor apart, if possible. We make it our general rule to establish our missions where other societies have not gone. It is true, however, that as the colonies on the coast are only so many stepping-stones, or doors, to the interior, a number of societies may properly, with that view, send missionaries to them at the same time.

I am, my dear sir, most truly yours,

R. Anderson,

Sec'y of A. B. C. F. M.

P.S. I ought gratefully to acknowledge the kind agency of your

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