Rev. Jno. H. Kennard

Baltimore March 25th 1836

Dear Sir.

I am instructed by the Board of Managers of the Young Men's Colonization Society to impart to you the following instructions for your direction as their general agent. They leave it entirely to yourself to commence your labours in whatever part of the State you may think proper, but as the parent society have given over to this society the raising of funds, your first object will be the collection of funds by donations and subscriptions either on personal application or by means of public meetings where you may deem such advisable - The organization of auxiliary societies either male or female and the circulation of our Colonization journal will also engage your attention. You will thus perceive that the whole matter is in your own hands and the advancement of this great cause will depend in a great measure on your exertions. - We should be pleased to have monthly reports; our board meets on the last Monday in every month. If you wish it and can point out some private conveyance I can send you over some copies of our address and any other documents, you may need. With my best wishes for your success and your health and happiness permit me to subscribe myself

Your obedient servant

(signed) William T. Giles.

Corresponding Sec. pro. tem.

Brookville 27th Mar 1836

John H. B. Latrobe Esqr.

Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance the Rev. Thos. McCormick of this place who visits Baltimore on business, and at my request will call to give you a brief account of my operations in this Montgomery County. I have been much gratified with the reception which Colonization meets with. I have not met with an opposer, and all intelligent men are its friends. Two addresses have been delivered at different places. A good congregation attended this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and what is gratifying a number of free people of colour came out to hear. On Friday next I shall organize a Colonization Society at Rockville. I have already secured Judge Kilgour for President and Richd I. Bowie Secretary, both firm, enlightened friends of the cause. I have diligently employed my time in visiting the most influential friends in the County. They are favorable to the cause and many other highly respectable gentlemen will take part in the Society.

I have obtained no foothold among the Coloured people. I look to the action of the friends of the cause to remove prejudices. The Auxiliary Society I think will pledge themselves for $10. annually for two years. Please write by Mr. McC. and let me know your mind on any subject that you may think fit. With great respect

I remain yours truly

Isaac Easter

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