patient. My prospects in this county are flattering, beyond my most sanguine expectations, and in my humble opinion this year will do great things for colonization.

I have great reluctance to urge this unpleasant business upon your consideration; nor would I say one word, if you had not voluntarily stated your determination. I can do well work cheerfully and pleasantly with Mr M., if you are content that it should be so. But if I am to obtain emigrants as well as collect funds the Board must pay me my salary as it becomes due and wait for the return of funds from the sources where I can obtain them. I cannot consent to be placed in a twofold relation, required to perform double duty and still become my own endorser for my salary. You feel the force of this remark and I know that you have never intended that it should be so. Therefore just act as your judgement directs and let me know the result by writing to Washington City where our Conference meets next week and when then I shall go intending to join them if you think advise. Please get Edward put out of office as soon as practicable. A drunkard I cannot abide with. There will be no difficulty in getting his place supplied with a steady man. Put up for me 25. of the 4th and Rept and Journal nos 3 & 4. 25 each and give them to Mr McC. who will leave Baltimore on Wednesday.

I shall be gratified by receiving a few lines from you by Mr McC.

Yours truly and affly

Ira A. Easter

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