Balt. 10th April 1836

W. B. Latrobe Esq.

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few hasty lines last evening and gave them to Mr Kennard to hand you. Upon further reflection and some conversation with Mr Luther I cannot help feeling deeply interested in the appointment of Mr John Kennard to the office of Clerk to the Board. His age, experience, intelligence, stability, and capacity are qualifications very seldom to be had in such reasonable terms to the society, and ought in my humble opinion to induce the Board to give him the situation without delay. In addition to this, his family will remove in a week or so close to the office so that his time may be given constantly to the society's business.

I have my fears that the 5th number of the Colonization Journal will not have due attention given to its publication. I beseech you not to permit the interests of that paper to be neglected. With Mr Kennard in the office, and a judicious publishing committee I shall hope to have all the subscribers regularly supplied. If Mr John H. Kennard enjoys health this year and the correspondence & good success may labours I cannot entertain a doubt of producing results, at once gratifying to the Board and beneficial to the Colony. But your unremitted supervision is required to keep every thing in order in the city and particularly in the office.

My contemplated trip to Montgomery will I think be postponed until, when I shall visit Jeffery & my nephew proceed down the Peninsula as the sickly season commences. You will find the Emigrants at Mr Martin's in Fayette St. near Pavtex right land side. I am much pleased with Mr Kennard's account of his method of labouring Rent County and the success which attended his efforts. I am satisfied that Mr Kennard will accomplish more in one month to give an impulse to Colonization than some men would do in twelve. It is one thing to obtain a few emigrants, but quite another to set the whole elements of society at work bring all minds to think, and energies to bear immediately on this deeply interesting subject.

Very sincerely yrs &c

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A. Letter Books

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