go from Montgomery in a few years.

The course of proceeding for your agents is in my view very plain one. 1st Nothing short of visiting from house to house among the leading men in the County both white and colored can awaken the right kind of feeling. Personal intercourse by the fireside must be followed or precede public addresses. Reports and Journals must be placed in judicious hands and attention respectfully invited to their interesting contents: when this is done, addresses form an important part of the plan of instruction. Rest assured when prejudice is piled mountain high in the minds of the colored race and ignorance of the Colonization scheme pervades the white population superficial effort can do but little to make head way. Hence I deem it pursue that plan which is dictated by observation and make a demonstration in one County at least before I hastily leave the ground before I have either sowed the seed or reaped the harvest. 2ndly. It is utterly useless to attempt the collection of funds to aid any cause where there is so little interest felt. There must be enlightenment before contribution. When the white population can see the blasts going by hundreds to africa then they will think we are in earnest and will lend us their aid. To attempt the raising of funds in anticipation of such an event will rather retard than facilitate the Society's plans. From these remarks you will at once perceive the importance of travelling independently of stages and steamboats and that every agent should be supplied with a horse. I mention this because it has been suggested to me that the Board would not agree to pay the expenses attending the keeping of my horse, and would prefer that I should adopt the plan of travelling in public conveyances. I hope the Board will on the propriety of my pursuing the course which two years experience has determined to be the best, and altho' I know the expense will be greater, I am sure that the benefit will be in proportion.

I write from Mr Clopper's where I am detained to day by incessant rain. I am much indebted to Mr Duvall for his letter of introduction which has gained me access to so worthy a family. Please return my thanks to him —

Judging from the foregoing remarks you perceive I hold out no inducements for the Board to believe that I shall furnish a single emigrant for the spring expedition: but I assure you I shall try hard to put at least 50 on board by the 1st June. —

Yours respectfully
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A. Letter Books

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