Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 15th inst came duly to hand; and I have also received since, the pamphlet and Maryland Colonization Journal which you had the kindness to send, and for which I return you my sincere thanks. The mail which brought your letter, brought an answer also to my letter to Mr Gurley - tho' not from him - but from Mr Fendall the Recorder to the Society - in which, after apprizing me of Mr Gurley's absence on a visit to the Western & South Western States, to bring the merits of the Colonization cause before the people of that region, and more especially to raise funds, which are much needed for the Parent Society - he says 'It is not likely that he (Mr Gurley) will, under these circumstances, be able to promote the benevolent design mentioned in your letter.' And then suggests 'that the prospect of success might be more encouraging through the instrumentality of the Maryland Society.' It was with much regret that I found in your letter as little encouragement of success to my plan for raising the means for purchasing these servants. I feel now quite at a loss what to do. I had so confidently calculated on succeeding in this plan, that I have disposed of all my land - and shall, after the ~~crops~~ crops now growing on the farm are all secured, have no place for my blacks to live on. Many of them I could easily hire out - but not so easily the women with children. The plan which you suggest of ~~sending~~ placing at once ~~at the d~~ in possession of the Society, those of them who are not embarrassed by the

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