adapted to the situation which he then held. that I could hardly endure the idea of giving him up. I endeavoured to persuade his father to permit a younger Son to supply his place in America, but he declined inasmuch as he considered that Tonde had in a measure obtained the situation by his own application or exertions. After much exertion I was able to form a contract with a Mr Shutte whom I have heretofore had occasion to mention to you. He is to act as Colonial Secretary & in case of absence of the Agent as principal Factor. As a trade Agent & Book Keeper his services will hardly be so valuable as Mr Collins, he not having been bred as a Mercantile man. But should any accident occur whereby the Colony would be left without an Agent I know of no man in Africa that would be better fitted properly to discharge the duties of Colonial Factor. He is possessed of strikingly honesty, cool & undaunted courage, profound sagacity & the purest patriotism. Thus far I believe, & thus much I think he has proved himself. & I doubt not but the future prosperity of the Colony will give striking indications of his energy & talents. Independent of Mr Shutte I have left Mr Holmes otherwise well provided with assistance, viz Mr Mr Polk a young man of much promise whom I engaged some six months since as Store Keeper & returns I have instructed in the rise & the concisely & the general principles of surveying, so that he will be able to relieve the Agent entirely of this laborious duty. Mr Polk is engaged at three hundred dollars per ann. payable the one half in goods at the current price & the other in drafts. I was enabled to procure the services of Mr Shutte for less than four hundred dollars per ann. payable in drafts or goods at twenty five per ct advance on the cost. He likewise has the privilege of boarding at the Agency house free of expense & he shall remove his family from Cape Mesurado

2

It will doubtless be expected by yourself & the Gentlemen of the Board that I would at this time lay before you such facts respecting the present situation & my opinions concerning the future prospect of the Colony as it behooves them its proper guardians to be made acquainted with. This task (although not easy one) I shall endeavour most conscientiously to performe. & ~~shall not an easy one~~, in doing which I shall confine myself principally to facts. facts however trite & uninteresting. Having from time to time transmitted to you ~~a detailed~~ details of the the most important events, I design ~~it~~ ~~omit~~ now in mapping out merely any steps & speak of any matters that have occurred since the establishment of the Colony. farther than necessarily to refer to former transactions in order to institute comparisons. It will be proper at first to state the particulars respecting our intercourse with the Natives in the vicinity of the Country.

Relations of the Colonists with the Natives.

I have already transmitted to you details the Bulgarah Country & Stell Cavally. I herewith enclose those for three important sections of the Negro or half bush Country, including Denah or the Cavally river. You now have a territory of from ~~4~~ to eight hundred square miles including the dominions of ~~seven~~ kings, who are bounds ~~with~~ to us in a league offensive & defensive as you will perceive by the contract transmitted. It would be difficult to convey to you an ~~exact~~ idea of the exact relation which these people conceive they bear towards the Colony. They have a vague & indefinite hope that they shall be benefited by their connexion with ~~the~~ Colony. & the grounds of this hope are as various as are the characters of the different people. To expect a fulfillment of their Solomon contract were it demanded at this time, would be idle in the extreme. They have decided their bounds, believing that we shall never require any post there, or as they express it, from a conviction that we

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

3. 1836