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To the
Revd. Mr McSherry
Agent of the State Colonization
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Maryland

Recd
5 May.

mail

Near Chaptico 2nd May 1836

Dear Sir/ Your letter of the 15th April came to hand by regular course of Mail; but I delayed answering it untill I could consult some gentlemen better acquainted with & having more knowledge of the state & condition of the free persons of Colour of this county than myself. This I have done as extensively as my opportunities & circumstances would permit. I will communicate to you the impressions I have received from those with whom I have consulted.

I am apprehensive it will be a difficult matter to get the free negroes together in any large numbers so as to afford you an opportunity of addressing them publicly, in consequence of their incredulity upon the subject of the advantages which would flow from their emigration to Africa, & their distrust of the motives of all attempts to disabuse their minds & opinions upon the subject of the existence & condition of the colonies. That state I believe you could do much good by visiting our county and holding conversations with the more enlightened members of that unfortunate discription of people. ~~By that~~ It is in this way only that any thing can be done at this time. And that something is necessary to be done to bring them to a proper sense of their present state & the advantages

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