Alexandria Theological Seminary May 28th 1836

Rev. Wm. Mc Kenney
Agent of S. Colonization Society

Dear Sir,

You had some intimation from Dr Marbury of this place, of my intention should providence seem to favour it, to devote my life to the service of bleeding Africa. While I feel exceedingly desirous to do this, I have great difficulty in satisfying my mind that it is the path of duty, from the impression which I have received, that the climate of our Colony is fatal to white men, or at any rates, so far shortens their lives, as greatly to curtail their usefulness. From your intimate acquaintance with the history of the Colony & with persons who have lived in it I have thought that you would be able to satisfy my mind upon this subject. I should be greatly obliged to you therefore to give me your candid opinion, with whatever information or sources of information ~~which~~ you may have in your power. In order that you may be able the better to decide in reference to my

Rev. William McKenney
Agent of State Colonization Society
Baltimore,
Maryland.

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