Brook Grove 6th mo 11th 1836

Dear Friend

I have not communicated with any member of the Colonization society established in this County since I last saw thee, but have not been idle as an individual, I have however but a poor report to make as I have not been able to prevail on a single one to go out this summer, and in fact I now think it doubtful whether any will give up to go next fall - they generally allege more difficulties in the way of their emigration than appeared when the subject was first proposed to them - I shall not remit my exertions to procure some for next fall, and hope at least to succeed with a few, if a counteracting influence is not equally unremittingly exercised, which I have reason to believe will be the case -

It is a fact much to be lamented that the poor ignorant creatures are more easily led by interested unprincipled men, than by those who in the most disinterested manner seek their permanent welfare. We must take things as we find them and without impatience endeavour for improvement - what else can we do —

In haste I subscribe
thy Assured friend
Roger Brooke

Letter
Mr Roger Brooke
To
Thos. Coates

Mechanics Ville Md
June 12

Rev Thos H. Coates

Agent of the Maryland
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