I hold not misjudged. He was able to unite every Gordian knot of the Colonization policy familiar as his garter. He was a complete master of every thing connected with the whole system from its commencement.

He says that a decided general action must be taken in Md. at this time in favour of the whole scheme. (meaning I suppose legislatively, it by the [illegible] of the ~~[illegible]~~ leading men of the humanest & philanthropic society) made for these reasons. 1st The abolitionists are now throughout the country the only friends the colon. society. They say this background at a state is determined to become a free state & from self interested motives. & that she is only waiting to become so by expelling the black population. 2 Dly The abolitionists have rallied, & contend the guilt as supporters of the principles of the American Colonization Society & that to change front at this time would be to yield the palm of victory to their opponents; & they acknowledge themselves bound & stand committed to the parent society. that they in fact form a part of it.

This was the tenor of Mr Bacons talk. from which I was confirmed in my former expressed opinion that it is not principle, but a sectarian tie that binds the orthodox in a body here supporting the Col. Society throughout the Union & hence they must & will act as a body or not ~~[illegible]~~ In my opinion nothing can be effected with the people through their leaders, they understand democracy too well. the leaders must be affected through the people or not at all. In other words the leaders must be convinced that it will go down well with their constituents or they dare not break down. Mr Bacon thinks that perhaps something might be done or some money might be gained by going silently & enlisting individuals or single families who are not already committed, or in my country phrase softly, softly, catch a monkey. But this is tedious laborious & requires a peculiar being. such as one I think I can procure among my extensive acquaintance in Vermont & N. Hampshire.

But the main object in writing you at this time is to inform you of a project I have talked with Mr Bacon to offer a physician. He is a man of splendid talents & intimate with every thing respecting Africa having been for the last two years preparing himself for service in that country. He is not a Colonizationist but ambitious to become an African adventurer & discoverer, now prosecuted by a scientific one. He wishes to go to one of the colonies as a physician for one year at least & to become acquainted with the diseases of the climate personally. He has on my arrival made propositions to the Am. Phil. & the parent Board & more does the same the years through me. He has ~~[illegible]~~ an which will satisfy him as a salary in case he goes to Cape Palmas viz Ten thousand dollars per annum. besides his passage & he supports himself while there. Now this proposition standing thus unless I know you will at once be disposed to prepare & so would I. but there are circumstances connected with it which require consideration. Will not this Bacon should he go be an active inventive bring his brother one to our interest? Will it not be of immense advantage to have a scientific good writer like him describe our country, its geology, history & mineralogy, with more & than a beautiful landscape? But with all this I would not have entered upon the matter with him had I not determined in my own mind how he should be paid. I am determined to go on to Boston & tell that Dem. Board should they think just how much the area is, how much they owe me ~~personally~~ individually, that here is a chance for them to repay us without exciting the jealousy of the abolitionists. I say to them. I have been physician to your missionaries for two years gratuitously. we shall soon have a respectable educated physician able to attend them for comparatively slight compensation. Now we wish you to employ this man for one or two years as physician to your establishment or pay us a proper sum for employing him etc etc — Now Bacon understands all this & says no matter who employs him. if he is employed through any means & is to remain that time he will attend to colonists & missionaries. I really think he will not be of great use as a practical physician. still if I can make these matters work. might be not be employed? Direct me what to do — "Dis solve the y the Poly. I have been detained here with my African friend. I was entirely deranged all last night — but have scribbled this page to day ~~[illegible]~~ while for me. I hope tomorrow to be able to reach Hartford. Good hope for this ~~[illegible]~~ write me immediately on the receipt of this what I shall do — Yours sincerely. G Hall

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