Letter
Rev. C. C. Jenkins
to
Ira A. Easton

Ira A. Easton,
Baltimore,
Md.

Abingdon, Md. July 12th 1836.

Dear Bro:

I rec. your's by this day's mail, & will just say altho' Coker promised to call on his return from Balt: & let me know the result of his interview with Bro: McK, I cannot yet he has not done so, & as I have not had an opportunity of conversing with him since, of course I am not prepared to say what his views are at present on the subject of a visit to Liberia, but from the information you give me I would infer he has not a very strong, if any inclination that way, & it seems to me as the best course to pursue with him is not to urge it too much, nor endeavour to persuade him contrary to his own inclination, but let him still reflect on it, & as opportunity offers I will endeavour to keep him in mind of it.—

As to the other man Harris, he told me that altho' he might be pleased to go if he judged it practicable, yet the fact of his having a family would wholly prevent it.—

I do not know of any others in this dist. who could be relied on at present, & especially if Coker should decline altogether,— & there is no doubt with me that they will if possible bring him to this conclusion:— & such is the prejudice they have taken up in reference to Colonization that I am at a loss to determine whether the efforts of Agents among them at present could be of any avail unless they were persons of their own colour in whom they have confidence,— as many of them have taken up a strange notion that the Whites only intend to deceive them.—

As to your coming up & making any farther effort at present

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