Harper September 6 1836

This Day I have taken the opportunity of writing to inform you Gentlemen of the Board of managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society that after an about being on Board of the Brig Harlina our Difference commenced for Salt Pork & water our allowance of water at first was a quart Pr day they rated of after some time to 3 pints each person and our Pork to be made out of that and all sides were salt Provisions Generally and after a few week coming in a warmer Climate and having Salt Provisions we were almost frantick until Captain Gould & Mr Stirling one day came in to the Cabin where we were we made our complaint before them and afterwards we was allowed a half gallon each and our cooking taken out of that and we was on our Passage on that allowance, before I left Baltimore I got a half Barrel of Bread Mr McKenny told me it was not worth while there was a Plenty on Board the vessel for us nevertheless I brought it on Board and I found it a great Service for we had only two meals pr day Breakfast & Dinner Some times not half enough at Dinner and two crackers for Breakfast each Mr Stokes was taken sick after a few Days Sail in the time of our difference we complained to him and he said he would alter it when he got able to tend to it and in this time I had Distributed all my Bread amongst the emigrants expecting the time would be better but rather got worse our days were about twelve hours Sun and our breakfast was between 9 & 10 o'clock before we got our dinners it was between 4 & 5 & Candle light at night and not half enough the Greater Part of our time Some times two Large Irish Potatoes

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