effort at Sharpstown Chappel near Mr Roger Brooks in Montgomery County. On my first and second visit to that neighbourhood the greatest zeal was manifested on the part of the most intelligent free people of color to emigrate to Liberia. which led Mr Brook; other gentlemen and myself to calculate that at least 40 or 50 persons would consent to emigrate this fall. But on my return, although a large Number came out to hear any addresses, there was not one who was willing to give the least appearance of joining the enterprise. In conversing with Sam Powel, an old and much respected colored preacher he remarked that it was his candid opinion that the combined powers of Capital could not remove the prejudice which existed to the Colonization scheme.

My disappointment and mortification were greater than I can express when I discovered that all my efforts to remove prejudice and produce conviction were abortive. It was affirmed by Mr Brook that during my absence he had very reason to believe, the keepers of grog shops were busily employed in poisoning the minds of the poor deluded creatures.

From Mr Brooks I went to visit Mr Richard Holmes who kindly offered a man and woman, Husband & wife the liberty of going to Liberia if they felt disposed: but they declined the privilege preferring slavery for life. Mr Brook had recently heard of a man by the name of Henry Blair the ingenious inventor of the Corn planter a valuable labour saving machine, a specimen of which was exhibited in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Washington during the last sessions of Congress — I secure,

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A. Letter Books

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