endeavours

I remain Your friend
(Signed) Thos. H. Caster
On behalf of the Board of
Managers of the Md. Col. Soc.

Letter of instructions
Thos. H. Caster
To
Rev. Wm. McGill
18th January 1837

Copy of instructions
to Mr. McGill

Annapolis Sunday 17th Jany 37

Wm Easter

I have seen, conversed, and remained a night with Mr. John Collinson Sen.r John Collinson Dec.d. Young Collinson is highly esteemed. is considered a man of piety, good understanding, & a member of the M. E. Church and will do all he can to carry into effect the wishes of his ~~deceased~~ Uncle, so far as they can be ascertained from his will. With the Servants of the Mr. Collinson I have had no conversation of any amount. indeed I have seen but four of them at all, and these under circumstances decidedly unfavorable. If we had to do with the family of Collinsons alone, I should anticipate little difficulty in inducing most, if not all the Servants to emigrate; there is a family of Tongues however who are most deeply interested, as about 20 of the ~~Servants of~~ left free on condition of their emigrating to Liberia will fall ~~into~~ to them Should they decline going — These I regret to say have formed a cause, considered very unjustifiable by the citizens of the neighbourhood in which Mr. Collinson formerly resided — Strongly to my mind these Tongues had induced the Blacks who would fall to them, to renounce before two magistrates, their privilege of going to Liberia; This however was illegal. It was necessary that they should renounce in open court, and today four more, viz, Jacob Hallen, Billy Bopp, John Whittington & David Whittington associated in the court with the young Mr.

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A. Letter Books

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