The Ministers know your plans - and in nine cases out of ten. will give a decided preference to your society. Now as to state of feeling here. Dr Alexander to whose judgement all pay deference is one of your most thorough friends - Mr Latrobe himself is not more interested in Cape Palmas than Dr A.

And I believe that all the Professors in both Institutions are now in favor of the Md. Soc. above all others. Dr Breckinridge is with us most fully. A few days since he called on me - and said. that the secretary of the Phila. Soc. of which he was President had written to him. stating that at its last Meeting the Parent Soc. had relinquished its claims on Jersey and signed it over to Phila & N. York!! And the secretary now wished him to commence the first operations in the new relation - He however did not feel at liberty, knowing that I had been acting as your agent in this State, to begin without first apprising me of his intentions - I candidly gave him my plans and expectations in full - and then appealed to him, being acquainted with your efforts as he was. if more good would not accrue to the great cause by success in Maryland. than success in the Phila & N. York Societies? And if those societies ought not to be satisfied with those two large states before them - and let N. Jersey help you. Both these points he answered in affirmative. And before the interview closed he said. he could attempt nothing for the other societies - he would oppose their coming here - and that he would most cheerfully give me any assistance that was in his power! He will resign his Presidency in the Phila. Soc. on Wednesday -. It is impossible to pledge the State. It is not anticipated that a new Colony will be formed - In fact state of things will not admit of it - I am prepared for disappointment in the company of negroes before refered to. We will all advise them to go to Cape Palmas - but should they be opposed as may possibly be the case, and hold out, the Soc. will probably be disposed to give them their choice. I will let no pains be spared to convince them that Cape Palmas is the best place for health. business - Morals - religion &c. &c. As yours is a slave state, these negroes are afraid you do not give as much liberty as others! It is quite likely. that the Abolitionists will find them out, and dissuade them from going. You know we have asked aid from the State. The report has not yet been given to the House, but we are informed that an appropriation will be recommended.

I think it not expedient yet to give a paper on this subject for the Colonization Journal - as soon as I think it will answer. it shall be done. we must work quietly. I am not prepared to say how long I can serve your Soc. really, sir. I cannot be a good beggar. Do appoint some one in my place. I will always do what I can, but you need aid much more efficient than mine. My friends wish me to

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