You are now seriously apprehensive that we shall
[illegible] no emigrants from the Eastern Shore for our
[illegible] expedition — A colored family near Rock Hall
Kent Co. for the name of Allcraft has entirely decli-
ned — Wm. Blake & Rebecca, mentioned in the
letter of Eliza Jane Wilson have also declined
going — On the neighbourhood of Church hill
and Skidders & Roads, I understand there are some
who say they will go, but confess my confidence
is not very strong — I shall continue to do all
I can to induce emigrants to place themselves
here — for one, and will advise you from
time to time how our numbers still adhere to the
purpose of going.

You recollect in this Island, there is
important, that measures be taken by the legislature
to protect the farming interest of the State against
the pernicious influence of the free blacks, and
that a law compelling those who have no
visible means of supporting themselves there
to compulsorily to leave, either by the month or
this arrangement it is thought would, perhaps
ameliorate — promote the interest of the real
and protect them to a considerable extent in
the possession of their property against the ...

It is my purpose to collect the
free blacks before leaving the Island and in my
reply will furnish the name, many of these are
now say they will emigrate

John H. Kennard

[illegible] the Journal for April be sent, please send
me some cards to Chester Town by the Packet on
Saturday, to view to the annual dispatch is ready
a disturbance — I learn — in the neighbourhood
of Church Hill not least, and of Skidders & Road
this week following — Should you write and I
see you will direct as above —

J. H. K.

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A. Letter Books

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