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Salisbury March 18th 1837

Dear Brother your kind letter came safe to hand after a lapse of 10 days after date and I now sit down to try to answer it which will be in a very Broken manner I do assure you we feel gratified and thankful to you for your fine address on the all important subject of African colonization still for lack of moisture the seed has never vegitated much less ~~brought~~ brought forth fruit you ask what is the prospect for emegrants it is bad and as to influence it has had none good or bad that I know of

I would be glad to see you again and hear you speak but I cannot advise you to come with an expectation of doing good to the cause

I donot think you could form a society in this place at any time shortly

Dr Brother the report of Rice & Whitington has so completely killed the cause here that it will hardly ever come to life again and altho you have my hearty well wishes to the cause I have my fears as to the present success in this part of the State

with high Respect I remain yours in the bonds of Christian Love David Vance

PS I expect to be in Baltimore ~~in~~ last of next month DV

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