Mr. Henry Ellingsworth
Colton Creek Colony
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Md. Easter 28th
29th March 1837

The Revd Dr. Easter
Colonization Room
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E. W. Lawrie Esqr.

Dear Sir

Though a stranger to you I take the liberty of intruding a few moments upon your time that I may get from you such information upon the subject of State colonization as may be of use to us in this state in bringing forward a similar enterprise. I am led to feel that for the present, if not always, the colonization

both as safer and more efficient plan for the southwest than any other that has yet been devised. Reasons for this I need not present to you who are doubtless more better prepared with good reason than myself. It is my intention to bring this subject before the people of this state sometime during this year & am anxious of obtaining all the information specially facts & statistics that will be of use to me on this subject. And if it will not be too great a tax upon your patience I will be greatly obliged if you will give me an answer to the following inquiries. What was the plan adopted & proposed by your society to support your colony in Africa?

2. How much territory did you purchase in & at what price, & did you pay for it in money, merchandise or labor?

3. How long has your colony been in existence, how many emigrants have gone out and what was the probable cost of conveying them & settling them in Africa?

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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