Port Tobacco Charles County Md. April 5th 1837

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 30th Inst came safe hand, and it is with extreme regret I have to inform you that I have not as yet been able to procure you any Emigrants for Maryland in Liberia

You Remember when you were in our neighbourhood I told you that the Colonization plan was very unpopular here and would meet with great opposition the most ignorant part of the people cannot be made sensible of the Christian humane philanthropic intention of the society, they cannot be convinced that the Society would incur so enormous an expense without some interested motive they cannot be convinced that they will not be made Slaves. The intelligent and wealthy are much opposed to parting with their Slaves and so far as I can learn do all in their power to check every desire not only of their own Slaves but likewise of the free population for Emigration. Many Slaves of my neighbourhood have called on me and expressed an anxious desire for Emigration but were prevented by their owners

I have never been able to persuade any of the free population to emigrate notwithstanding I represented to them ~~that~~ that they enjoy no real freedom here and that while here they must remain in a state

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A. Letter Books

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