ve a desirable acquisition to any Society.
As the time for embarkation arrives in a few
weeks at the request of the individual (Ben-
-jamin Harris) I write to you to know some-
-thing definitely. Although the funds in
your hands could not be appropriated
towards the removal of any other than
citizens of Maryland. Might they not
be applied in purchasing tools for the colony
As manufactures must overhold an inferior
status in every country your colony in Africa
if it would be prosperous and permanent must
engage to some extent in the trades. Do you
think therefore that your Society could
furnish any thing for the purchase of tools
for Ben. He has been free but a short time
and consequently has been unable to accumu-
-late any property. I think that his friends
will be able to make up his passage money
provided that those interested in the colony
could furnish him something for his subsist
after arrival in Africa. And considering the
permanent prosperity which is likely to flow
from a cultivation of manufactures - I think that
money spent in establishing them would be
well spent. Perhaps you ~~may~~ might give him some
hints with regard to his outfit, what clothes &c
he would need. Any communication on the subject
would be gratefully acknowledged by
the individual and by yrs respectfully
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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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