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Dear Sir, I am very sorry to inform you that I have not succeeded in getting one single free person willing to go to Maryland in Liberia when you were at my house I promised to do all I could in favor of your cause of Colonization. I have visited the houses of several of them but none seemed willing to go. I mention one to you who I thought would make an excellent Immigrant, he is at the head of a large number of free blacks who were set free by Mr Holladay some years past they look upon him as their leader he is an industrious well disposed man. he seemed almost willing to go but his old mistress had advised him to stay at home to go. I told him he could go out in the Spring that was said this Spring and return if he thought proper and he could see for himself and his other friends and make his own post not knowing that such a privilege could be granted him. I think if our clergy throughout would mention this good cause with more force from the Pulpit it would be attended with good effect it would set their people to work. and when