Washington City.

Tuesday evening. May 2nd 1836.

Dear Sir.

As I anticipated, it will be entirely out of my power to attend your meeting tomorrow-evening. The Committee on Naval Affairs required my undivided attention to-day, & will again tomorrow.

I assume you, sir, that I feel it to be the duty of every slave holder to use his best exertions to prevent Abolition from depriving him of any rights, privileges or advantages whatever; and, unless some wise plan be interposed, it must surely deprive him of the immense advantages & privileges of Colonization, founded on safe principles & conducted under a proper organization, consistent with his rights & security. To preserve Colonization undefiled & unprejudiced by abolition, I conceive to be the object of your plan of organization. The Slave-holding State, having the sole right of acting on any subject relating to or in any

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