It is my present intention to spend the summer in preaching - not in a pastoral charge, but in supplying churches that may be vacant. I am constrained to take this course for the sake of establishing health. Of course, by this arrangement, I will be able to do but little for the society. But I propose to address letters to all the Ministers, with whom I became acquainted in my excursion last spring & summer, and urge them to present the subject of colonization on the fourth of July - or a sabbath near it, and raise collections for your society. I have not yet decided where I shall take up summer quarters, but probably near Saratoga Springs. And if my life is spared till autumn, and the Lord will open a situation for me in Maryland or Virginia, I will spend the winter there

Has Dr Holmes yet returned? I hope you will see him as soon as possible after his return. I saw a young gentleman about two weeks since who had just arrived from Africa, where he had been for nearly a year. - He had visited Cape Palmas, & he gave me a very gratifying account of it. Though the facts were not new, but corroborative of former accounts. He intimated, however, that Dr Holmes might not give a favorable statement of the colony. So far as I could learn, he had become disgusted with the colonists, and had taken up the notion, that they would never do any thing for themselves and that it was a waste of time and money to make any provision for them - as they could not appreciate your labors, nor your benevolence.

In fact, this young man himself, was ready to make statements which could be so perverted as to do us a good deal of injury. He said that Cape P. was decidedly the most flourishing settlement, and the most interesting place on the coast, but yet the colonies were not in that successful condition enterprising, happy, wealthy &c &c as he expected to find them. I talked with him a long time, and I believe got him right, before we parted. He confessed, that, notwithstanding some embarrassments which they had to meet with in Africa, their moral and social, and political condition was better there, than it is here now, or can be, (which the remainder) be. And this was conceding all I desired.

By all means see Dr H. and do not let him in any way say any thing to the injury of the cause. He must be brought to contrast their state there with those who are among us - and then I have no fears for the result.

With the kindest feelings to yourself and the noble cause of Africa

I am most respectly

J R Wyckoff

P.S. If you have occasion to address me at any time during the spring or summer, direct to Princeton, and it will be forwarded to me -

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A. Letter Books

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