I shall be disappointed if this meeting ~~[illegible]~~ is not productive of good. The friends of Colonization at Port Deposit are decidedly of opinion that Elkton is the point, at which the County Society must be located, and will do all they can to strengthen the hands of that Society. The employment of Suitable County agents continued indispensable. Had a long conversation, at his instance, with Revd. Mr Bastin of Methodist E. Church. Mr B is a warm friend of Colonization, and expresses a desire to be employed as County agent. Says he would write to Lect. Freeman on the subject. Mr. B. is a young man of zeal, considerable smartness, and would probably make a good agent, in addition, his hold of the ch. E. Church is important. I shall pay some attention to those who would be suitable for, and probably consent to become County agents.

Thursday. Left for Elkton. Dined at Northeast with Mr Cazier. The brother of Revd. J. C. Cazier. Expected to see Br C. he had journed gone to the Temperance Convention in Balto. Hope he will see the President of the S. Soc and report progress. Reach Elkton in the afternoon. Called on Colo Groome, explained the objects, plans, necessity for immediate action &c. Saw an importance from Colonization not before realized. will consent to be President of the County Society. The best man in the County for the situation. From Colo G obtained names of the most important Citizens, and left his office & Secretary to organize the County Society this evening. Disappointed. Meeting of the Pastors, Stewards, Leaders and Preachers of ch. E. Church, and several of the Gentlemen whose names were furnished, members of this meeting. By consultation with Revd. Mr McFarland (Minister in Charge of ch. E. Church in this place), and others, resolved to hold the meeting for organizing the County Society, in the Court House, on Thursday evening 16th Inst. Meeting for business no public discussion. Explain objects &c &c and set our friends to work. No opposition here to Colonization among the respectable and influential Citizens. Promise the attendance of Br Easter on 16th to explain &c. and organize Soc. I shall be myself at Talbot County by engagement already made. Please notify Br E. and request him to attend, or write to me, saying at once he cannot do so, whereupon there will be a disappointment. The gentlemen on whom I have called here, have all promised to attend the contemplated meeting, and unite their influence in furthering our cause. Request Br E. to forward to Rev. Mr McFarland our last report, together with several of the most interesting nos of Col. Journal for Mar 36. Aug 36. Dec 36. and the two last nos.

Remarks. Mr C. is thought by some of our friends not to be exactly suitable for his agency. Mr Megraw, the Secretary at Port Deposit &c. is of this opinion. The reason for not answering the letter written to him. I do not like to any objections to Mr C. and his attention was directed specially to him as the agent for Cecil. Others concur with Mr M. At present however I think it best to let matters remain as they are. Call for a report from Mr C, and if he is doing nothing effectively, let objections, if any, be urged on that ground. There is a very important Colored man in the vicinity of Port Deposit, who, at short time since, had intermed to go to Cape Palmas, but says he has now ~~[illegible]~~ declined, having received publications from Boston &c. giving such information as has determined him otherwise.

Dear Sir I have written very hastily. Hope you will get the sense and write me the early part of next week directed Easton. I leave for Kent in a few minutes and will write as circumstances favour. What think you of the "Diary" is it such as desired.

Yours truly
John H. Kennard

Rev. J. Gurley Rys &c
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