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Mr

Centreville 7th June 1837

Dear Sir I arrived here two hours since, and expect to leave at 4 O'clock for Easton. Mr A. Spencer, to whom I write, giving notice of my coming, is at the Court of Appeals at Easton (where, I expect I shall for him) and Colr Seligman, the Head of the County Society has just lost a near relative and has left to attend the burial, in consequence, there can be no meeting here at present. After conversation with Colr Seligman it is probable another appointment will be made.

Diary

Saturday had a long conversation with James Gilbert, the Colored Preacher who controls (to a very great extent) his brethren of first County. Decidedly opposed to Colonization says the whites are too lazy to work. The blacks satisfied, and can't object to sell them and get money. knows me well, has confidence in me, but I am a poor fellow. Others in them he has no confidence. As he is old would not be worth white to sell him now, no body would buy him, but if a young man would never go. This same fellow has formerly expressed his favorable position towards Colonization, and assigned as the reason for not going that he was too old. Others have suspected that he was imposed with abolitionism. I have no doubt of it now. This man's influence is great, is decidedly against us, and will be used no doubt to the utmost. Stand at Colr John McKerrows all night.

Wednesday stopped at Church Hill, Queen Anns County, had a conversation with Col. Saml Kent, Kent a decided friend of Colonization. Says the Colored people are now all opposed to Emigration, many reports among them. Also conversation with Mr John B. G. Beck, a man of great influence with the Colored people, their class leader, says he has gotten out of patience with them on the subject of Colonization. They know many things against and nothing in favour of it. Says Wilson would not

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A. Letter Books

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