were not the objects contemplated by those who supported the Cou of the State - Abolitionists, they say, are, & have been amongst them, and the minds of the free blacks ~~have~~ prejudiced against us, through their agency - Nothing can be done except through <u>Pecuniary</u> ~~measures~~ - Nothing but <u>Feeling</u> will move them - To all these views - except the influence of Abolitionists, I objected - The true plan, and the only plan which could insure success, was to make Africa <u>attractive</u> - satisfy the people of Color that it was their true interest to emigrate and they would go - Pecuniary measures would not do at all - would break down the Colony - time must be allowed - those now sent should be chosen men - intelligent - industrious - enterprising and pious - thus in a few years the Colony would be in such situation as to be <u>inviting</u> <u>to those left behind</u> - and the number of emigrants annually increase, until emigration to Africa would become as common as it is now to the Country - The meeting was very interesting, and it was determined that a Public meeting should be called for Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock - I requested the Gentlemen present, to embody their views in a written communication, and forward them to our Board of Managers at Balto - they have promised to do so -

On Sabbath, rode ten miles to an appointment - preached, and talked about Colonization - heard full and interest - promise to do what they can to procure emigrants for our full association - neighborhood - Potato Neck, Somerset County -

Returned to Princess Anne on Monday - On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock meeting in Court House - lady attendance - I delivered an address of an ~~hour & half~~ hour in length - address urged the people of this County to unite their influence with ours in sustaining Maryland - Called upon them to inform themselves on the subject - to give information to their fellow Citizens, and the free people of Color, and to provide suitable persons as emigrants for Mary land in Africa - to go there we wanted emigrants, and emigrants only - these satisfied, and all was well, and would be well - Mr Brisfield followed, and moved that the sense of the meeting be taken whether a County Society should be organized - J. T. Jones Esq seconded the motion & on the meeting resolved unanimously, as was stated by the Chair - to organize said Society - The Society was organized accordingly - The best men in the County are identified with our Cause, and there is rational ground to hope a new era commenced in Somerset - Mr Geo Handy is President of the Soc. a man of standing - intelligence and great energy of Character - no doubt he will take hold of this subject with strong hand - The Society has resolved to have one hundred Copies of Constitution and list of officers printed for the use of managers and to hold their first public meeting, on the 4th July. John H. Brisfield Esq is to deliver an address on that occasion - a popular lawyer - proceedings will be forwarded to our office Balto

I expect to organize the Colonization Soc of Dorchester on Monday next - after which I shall direct my course homeward -

Respectfully
Yr ob
John H Kennard

I was prevented holding the public meeting here last night in consequence of rain - am staying with Thos H. Hicks Esq of this place (Vienna) an intelligent ~~and~~ respectable and pious man - a decided and consistent Colonizationist

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