North Point June 26. 1837

Dear Sir

I thought I should have seen you in Balto at the time proposed to your & County societies, but was disappointed you having left those places before I arrived.

I have therefore sit down at this time, hoping I should have something good to communicate to you, but I have been disappointed, and write to shew that not a single vigorous individual has consented to engage permanently. But there is one, I have John Hopkins who is very anxious to see for himself, how things are in Africa, and if pretty well, with his application would engage with his family, this number I think he, if not more, the funds necessary to accomplish this object could obtain, with some aid to be raised. But now for this we go to advance the cause of the society, we must be patient to wait & be patient, great good will be accomplished, & attended with the wisdom & the Board & Managers will direct aid in the wisdom of the society.

I can assure you my spirits are low, but this I feel, & I despair ever to accomplish any thing to any extent to the objects of the Board. It will require a man of much greater activity than I am in possession of, to meet this very, and overcome the prejudice of the free people, which you receive any thing I have received; indeed many of them look upon me as their best enemy; Consequently the society as the greatest foe dangers of the sea.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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