From Centreville proceeded to Church Hill, saw John B. G. Beck of the Methodist Episcopal Church a man of ~~great~~ influence with the Colored people; he says there is now no prospect of emigrants from that neighbourhood for Africa. The Black pattern to be influenced by a letter written by Robin Parker to John Browne Esq. (a free person), which was brought to this County by Snowden. The negroes say Parker is Stonington Beck engaged they placed so much reliance on the letter of Parker and discarded those written by Snowden and others saying they all came from Africa. This cause he represents to them as most strange when it is known to them that Parker was always a worthless fellow - in a most wretched & deplorable condition whilst with them, living on the charity of the neighbourhood, and by the thefts which he was in the habit of committing. Several ~~points~~ times on the point of going to the Penitentiary, and actually released from Jail that he might go to Africa. They reply - all the statements of Mr Beck are true but the letter of Parker is also true - that the letters published by us are false, having been written in this County. Reached Chester Town at 7 o'clock having travelled thirty eight miles, and concluded to return to Baltimore in the morning.

At Chester town, on Wednesday morning, saw Mrs Eaw. Ringgold, wife of Edward Ringgold Esq. by whom the wife of Bennett Mitchell, liberated by Mr Earickson of Kent Island, that he, his wife and children were might go to Cape Palmas in our spring

of persecution, was set free, Mrs Ringgold has learned that Mitchell, his wife and their three sons are in New York, & have gone there. I have letters out of it. Left Chester Town at 10 o'clock, and reached Baltimore at 3 next morning.

Remarks

Since 1st June I have visited Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester and Somerset Counties. Have organized County Colonization Societies, on the plan of Independent County action, in Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, and Somerset. Have conversed with the most prominent gentlemen in all the counties named, & Harford, and am fully satisfied that our cause is regularly and steadily advancing; an increased conviction is felt of the necessity and importance of Colonization, and the opinion has been frequently, and confidently, expressed by the best informed, and most discreet citizens of the Eastern Shore, that it is the only hope set before our country. The people are awaking to this subject, and many say it is only necessary that a better effort be made, and emigrants can be procured; not in great numbers at first, but by little and little, until the colony is made attractive. Then they will all want to go. There is little ~~want~~ want of confidence in the ultimate success of the scheme, on the part of those who understand the subject, and when properly explained, no objections made, (with a single exception), to the policy of the State, in aiding our cause, or the consummation here, for the accomplishment of the objects contemplated by the State in making the appropriation

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