and looked complacent to the agent acting, but he
laughed at me, and said that he must carry him, never
my dear Sir did I see a captive demeaning in
Custody since I left America untill I saw it in
this Colony — by this detention, may slaves may
Come into our harbour, and Come on shore without
Leave, pick up one of the colonists or natives &c.
Can give no account of them or him, and take him
of. I think that our Constitution says that no
slavery shall exist in the Colony but my dear good
Sir I ask you whom must know, whether slavery
did not exist at the time the little prisoner was
in custody was he not taken as a slave from the Coast
of africa to be carried to the United States &c —
appeal to your feelings at such a trying moment I
beg that you ~~can~~ to ~~the~~ ~~Letter~~ I ~~shall~~
remember that the Cause you espound is one among
the noblest I suppose you are aware that 2 —
Abolitionists is on board the said brig these facts
will be fine nuts for them to crack. a great deal
has been said about a slave vessel laying in our
harbour. and got released here. I am opposed to this
also, much less for a slave to be taken from Capt
Palmer to any Port. dear Sir I humbly beg if there
is any thing said amiss in this letter that you would

not think hard, but I feel that every true Jeffersonian
would sympathise with the little Captive, think Sir for
one moment, I am happy to say that as warm as
the Colonist was, the decision of the acting agent
was yielded to without molesting the boy. I seen —
Conveyed to the boat Carried out of the Bar with
tears in my eyes and the agents laughing at my work
sup, I hope that the board will take this matter into
consideration my being in the Colony is no agentism to
it and I will remain ~~untill~~ no longer than freedom is
maintained this plea is that the board will be cerain
if he was detained but I believe ~~the~~ truely that the
Board will not sanction no such transaction

I ask my dear Sir your obedient
and humble servant
E Thomas Brether

P.S. you will excuse my bad writing but I
dont know how I feel your E. S.

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

1837