the interior of the country to be explored; and the agricultural resources of the country to be developed, by clearing and cultivating the soil. These important objects will require a large expenditure of money for the present; but they are necessary to insure the prosperity of the Colony. It is believed that the portion of it laid out in agriculture will return to the Society after a few years, a large per cent. upon the amount invested.

It is believed that a judicious expenditure of $20,000 per year for five years, will place the Colony upon a basis of permanent and progressive prosperity. You are invited to aid us in obtaining subscriptions and donations.

Respectfully, yours &c.

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My Dear Friend Latrobe

I feel embarrassed with shame, in taking up my pen to write to you — You are the most neglected, & yet the most valued and most valuable of all my correspondents

About the 1st of June last I received some very full and interesting communications from you, for which permit me, even at this late day to render you my hearty thanks — I intend to write you more fully on the subject of them at no distant day. In the mean time I wish to inform you that on the first of March, we expect to despatch a vessel from N.O. for our Colony. And I would be glad if you would reciprocate the favour, and give me early notice of the intended departure of any vessel from your Port. We always desire to forward letters by every convenient opportunity. And we frequently wish to forward goods from the Eastern cities of a kind not to be procured but at disadvantage & sometimes not at all in N.O. On the other hand there are certain articles needed in your Colony which you can purchase cheaper in N.O. than in Baltimore — such as tobacco, pork, flour & groceries — Now we may make an arrangement mutually advantageous. If you wish to forward by our vessel any tobacco, provisions or other articles which our market may afford at a cheaper rate than the Baltimore market I will purchase & forward them with pleasure and either draw on your Treasurer for the amt. or send an order for such goods as your market may advantageously afford, to be purchased & shipped by you to our Colony, in one of your own expeditions, or by some other convenient opportunity

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