but I shall be better satisfied after I get ~~entirely~~ through the fever. I thank God that both my wife's health and my own, is improving. Any person may live in this Country who will be prudent and take advice when he first comes; if those not persue a course like this, he may expect to fare badly. If he does not die, he will not enjoy as good health, nor will he get through the fever as soon or as easy. Not a man who ever came to this Country, that has not had to suffer more or less, but he may get through all, if he put his trust in God, and act right, live soberly, righteously, & Godlily, in this world. There is some poor creatures here whose cases are lamentable - it would make the flesh creep on your bones to see them. Such ulcers as you have never looked upon in all the days of your life I expect. Brother Seys I have found to be a dear friend, an affectionate brother, & he lives a sincere christian. I have had a good deal of inter course with them, that is with his family; I have been called upon to practice ~~here~~ among them. I do not feel prepared to say more to you in relation to the Country, not having been here longer enough; I have not been very successfull in my practice among the later emigrants, but among the old settlers, I have been blessed. I do not think however that I have had a fair chance: & indeed the company with whom I came to this place, & among whom I have practiced, are certainly the most obstinate set of people I ever had any thing to do with in all my life. I would not pretend to advise any person to come to this country: but any that make up their minds to do so, I would earnestly entreat of them to bring with them every thing that they find comfortable in U.S. In my opinion, the diseases of this country, which the new comers are not half so fatal as the manner in which they conduct themselves after the first 2 or 3 attacks of fever. Then you will have a most enormous apetite, and a great disposition to lounge about. If you indulge these, in a short time you will begin to swell. This swelling can not be arrested unless the cause is discontinued. If it is allowed to proceed, in a short time it will bid defiance to the

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Philad^a 14th June 1838

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of calling your attention to the subject of a proposed convention of the friends of colonization to be held in this city during this summer probably in August next.

The objects sought by the convention are the more perfect union of the General and State Societies and the more efficient and economical administration of the affairs of the colonies. It is believed that the growing interests of this great cause demands such a change in the present organization of the Parent Society as to make it more perfectly the organ of the State and local societies and such a modification of its powers as to give it, to a certain extent supervisory control in this country and the care of a general government for the colonies, while the whole business of sending out emigrants and regulating their local affairs shall be committed to the State Societies.

If such a change can be effected I see no reason

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