no means tenacious— This would leave the whole work of sending out emigrants and managing all the affairs of the different Colonies with the State Societies— And the Am. Society or Board would in its formation be just what you suggest— a Board of Delegates meeting annually— though differing in its principal object viz the formation and administration of a general government of Liberia

It appears to me that there are some common objects which can be best secured to the Colonies by a political union. and I would have the government confined to them; making it as simple as possible:— and in the way I propose we should obtain all the advantages of union and combination of strength without infringing at all the powers proper to the several Colonies or the Societies governing them

The objections I made to the plan recommended by the Am. Col. Soc— and which I believe were the means of changing the determination of our Boards in its favour— were that it gave supremacy to the Am. Soc. and made Africa the seat of the Congress, instead of this Country— but I have never doubted the necessity of a general government to bind the Colonies together— to give them a National Character, even in their infancy to secure uniformity in their laws & policy and to guard all their intercommunications by wise and equitable regulations.— Another Consideration which deserves weight is the impression it would make upon the Natives— It would be indeed an imposing exhibition of the Moral superiority of our Systems over theirs. to see several States Constituting one nation, stretching along from Cape Mesurado to Cape Palmas and covering the territory of a dozen Kingdoms.—

Some such arrangement as here suggested I cannot but think would produce harmony among ourselves and insure more generally the confidence of the American people than our present plans— Greater respectability would be given to the Colonies and the administration of their affairs would be far more efficient and economical while the happiest influence would result to the Natives

With great respect
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