Near Chaptico 20th July 1838

Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 13th was recd on the 18th. I have sent advertisements to all sections of the county, calling a meeting of the citizens at dto Town on the day you designate (the Wednesday of the first week of court which will be the 8th ins-9th as you stated in your letter) and stated that there would be a discussion before that meeting, upon the subject of colonization as contrasted with abolition, and that there would be a socie-ty formed on that day, for the promotion of colonization, and to prevent as far as possible the ill effects of abolition - I have also written to several of our leading men to get them to speak on that day, and I have also stated in the notice, that the meet=ing would be addressed by a gentleman from Baltimore. Should there be any lack of speakers I am as Mr. Reaner of Balto said at a temperance meeting at Annapolis, always ready in my homely style to give my views in so good a cause, but you must not expect from me, what you would hear from him on such an occasion. -

I think I can assure you that you will have a full meeting of the most respectable portion of the citizens of this county and I am inclined to hope much good may be effected by it - That it may so turn out is the sincere wish.

Yours friend & Servt

Ben. G. Shepard

James A. Mason
Annapolis Md
To
John H. Kennard

Annapolis Md
July 21

Rev. John Emmart,
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Colonization Rooms,
Baltimore.

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A. Letter Books

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