certain natives without authority and in their third session
by a legislative act offenses of this nature within the jurisdiction
therein they gave the decision of the legislature to the sound
of the governor and his decision to be final
as the constitution does not provide a court of inquiry to try
prisoners charged for life nor this liberty [illegible] and Bal
[illegible] on a legal course and that we believe the agent
4th Sec 7th that before we return [illegible] that the gov
ernment [illegible] and legal application [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] a [illegible] ought to take up
[illegible] defence of himself on his neighbor without [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the governor be invested with the power
[illegible] to the territory
[illegible] a new way to appoint a regular
[illegible] of the people including
[illegible] by the [illegible]
[illegible] the first [illegible] by them [illegible] of the people
[illegible]
for their reason we protest against the [illegible] pulsa
[illegible] by the [illegible] agent of the colony
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] on the judgment of [illegible]
[illegible] excellency [illegible] most [illegible]
[illegible] people [illegible] so we
[illegible]
Protest against the decree of [illegible]
[illegible] Provided that the sentence of banishment
or a punishment after conviction of the [illegible] offence within
a year and a month may be decided not goes on to say in
the election of the [illegible] of monthly assem
[illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
going into effect

[illegible] Society [illegible]
that [illegible] meetings [illegible] by the people to [illegible]
[illegible] now has been offered or no notice taken of the same Bu
having request that that have been known to have been made
by the natives he has never failed in granting the same
the natives have broken open our public jail and Rescued a
Prisoner shut our citizens from their homes and our
High Sheriff dare not [illegible] by running for his life our agent
agent was forced to pass by them uncovered what was done

to whom were we to look but to our Governor for
redress it was just about to be dashing the natives the [illegible]
[illegible] our cliff of life Rice was stopt for higher prices the
Governor requested the people to meet about what course
to take or should be pursued on our [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] sent was needed to the agent from a public meeting
convened for the express purpose but the person sent on
and we have not heard from the governor until now
[illegible] is that our Governor and our fellow citizen Capt
[illegible] a worthy gentleman was thrown into Canal Prison and
[illegible] Robbed what was the result By the order of the
chief and Robbed what was the result By the order of the
natives money was sent to King Weys to pay the natives for
most any for committing this high handed outrage upon his
Person for [illegible] and [illegible] that all other [illegible] was
received and [illegible] into the island to go and fetch
the prisoner with a native power which turned out that
the prisoner with a native power which turned out that
the soldiers slept at Barrada and our citizens Bravely had
[illegible] that the native armed [illegible]
[illegible] our governor then [illegible] now [illegible]
[illegible] upon the [illegible]
the murder of Reuben Parker and three soldiers in the
a person not more than [illegible] of the prisoners
[illegible] who attempted to [illegible]
[illegible] were taken [illegible] they were forced
[illegible] after being taken [illegible] prisoners they were forced
[illegible] by the party [illegible] the prisoners [illegible]
the party must be punished to follow the natives (the well
[illegible] nothing [illegible]) by the principal natives of [illegible]
[illegible] family that murdered Parker and soldiers or get
[illegible] the palaver providing the governor will send Capt
take the palaver providing the governor will send Capt
[illegible] Shuter to the Cape palmas not to return this has
been [illegible] to the worthy governor
[illegible] Capt Shuter is currently disappointed
acknowledge by the governor from his own hand which
[illegible] to allay the savage fire our [illegible] was [illegible] to
[illegible] of our right and our right [illegible] and then
to lay claim [illegible] the [illegible] only the
[illegible] with the name of the [illegible]
[illegible] the welfare of this Colony
(and do plainly say that he that is not for us
is against us) against Capt Charles Shuter [illegible]
at all under that decree and otherwise untill we are
better settled with our affairs

David Wilson
A Haward
Joshua Cornish
Chas Hall
Benj Smith

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

6. 1839--1840

1839