Wilmington 27th May 1840

Sir

I have received your favor of the 23d instant. The Board of Managers of the State Colonization Society of Maryland is right in supposing me to take a deep and continued interest in the cause of Colonization; and I should be happy to do any thing in my power to advance its success. But the state of my health is such that I regret I cannot comply with the request to be present and assist at the public meeting intended to be held on the 27th. A severe and neglected cold induces me to seek here recovery by a few days of repose, and I am sorry to say that I am yet far from being well.

With great respect
I am Your obt Servt

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