Harper Sept. 26. 1840

To J. H. B. Latrobe Esqr
Pres. Md. St. Col. Soc
Hond. Sir

We dwell in lonely expectation of an opportunity for forwarding letters to the U. States, and prepare the under the hope that we may not be disappointed.

My last bore date June 6. At that time communications from the Colony were so full and ~~complete~~ explicit accompanied by the verbal report of an officer of the Colony, that there now remains but little to apprise you of, in the way of addition.

With the single exception of a slight retardation in agricultural affairs, arising from a protracted drought, the prospects of the settlement are quite cheering.

It is with pleasure I am enable to announce a state of perfect healthiness in the Colony. Since June last we have had no deaths, indeed I do not know that there ever has been, a more healthy period than the present.

You will perhaps be equally gratified to learn that the Colonist generally, display the highest possible degree of contentment and satisfaction. Clamorous individuals have been quieter, and the poor assisted. Even crime allways difficult of suppression has hidden its unseemly face - Our Courts for the last three sessions having had no business to transact. Every one seems fully convinced that the principle object of their Journey, is to promote the happiness & permanent good of the ~~community~~ ~~colony~~, and that a corresponding action on their part is all that is requisite to place our settlement at the head of all similar establishment on the coast.

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