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To Dr. Hall.

Dear Sir,

I received, through friend Cassell, your note respecting the subject of the proposed State Colonization Convention to be holden in Baltimore on the 3d. of June next. It is perfectly natural for one who believes that the African colonization system is the sine qua non to the elevation of the colored population of the U. S. to the proper dignity of humanity, and who, in a spirit of candour, is willing that our people should think and speak for themselves on a subject so vital to their interests — I say, it is to be expected that such a one will do what he can to bring about a friendly understanding "between the parties interested." Such efforts commend themselves to the favourable consideration of the well-disposed of both sides. But, Doctor, I am serious of the opinion that colonizationists, in general, are so hostile to our remaining in the land of our birth — so intent upon the prosecution of their scheme, that the "stating definitely" of our views and sentiments relative thereto "would be regarded by them as of secondary importance. Should we, in memorializing the proposed convention, declare in favour of colonization, it would, doubtless, be a source of gratification to the members; on the other hand, should we gratuitously or unnecessarily express our disapprobation of that scheme, prejudice would, in all probability, become

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