Rec'd Saturday
June 19th

Hon. John H. B. Latrobe Esq.
Agent Maryland State
Colonization Society
Baltimore

Baltimore County 18th June 1841

John H. B. Latrobe Esq.

Dear Sir,

I avail myself of the earliest moment to attend to a suggestion you were so kind as to make at our last interview, and submit some of the reasons which induce me respectfully to decline accepting an agency in connection with the Maryland State Colonization Society upon the terms recently proposed.

On the 15th of Dec last I will have been the agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society for five years, in all which time my salary has been a fixed and definite one depending on no contingency, other than my faithfulness in the discharge of the duties imposed to the utmost of my ability. I am not advised that my zeal and faithfulness have ever been questioned — of ability I say nothing. Six months of the year for which I considered myself engaged to serve the Society have transpired and I very respectfully suggest to the Board whether I was not entitled, under all the circumstances, to expect a continuance of an arrangement of four and a half years standing at least until the close of the fifth year, or that, should the Board become satisfied of my want of capacity as their agent, they would give me an opportunity of making other arrangements

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The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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