Under the new plan for employing agents it is proposed that the agent bear responsible for his own traveling expenses to be reimbursed by his collections, and he is also to pay over to the Colonization Society two thirds of any dollar collected. The traveling expenses cannot fall much below two hundred dollars per annum, should he succeed therefore in obtaining three thousand dollars a year his salary will be eight hundred dollars and traveling expenses. if two thousand he will receive for his services four hundred and fifty dollars. The sum last named is larger than has ever been collected by an agent in the Counties of the State, so far as I am advised, and certainly a larger amount than has been obtained in any one year since the law of 1832. The truth is, the collection of funds in Maryland for Colonization purposes generally, is unpopular. The people are aware that they are paying a direct tax for Colonization purposes and therefore are not so favorably disposed to contribute by donation as in most other States. In the Cases of Dolmas & Dashiell, money can be had, and although the entanglements of the Community are great, yet, should the Society prefer such arrangements, I will undertake to collect for this specific object until the expiration of the year, for which I am engaged to the Society, and receive for my services one third of all I can collect, paying traveling expenses; or we will continue the present arrangement.

It is proper to state, and I do so most cheerfully, that my connection with the Society has been pleasant and that the occurrences of each year have convinced me more clearly of the necessity and importance of African Colonization. My last sermon, the friend of mankind - and most fervent prayers have been given to the Cause. Of its entire success, if prudently conducted and dispassionately, I have not permitted myself to doubt nor do I. As I have said before, I say I now - patiently - perseveringly - and the blessing of an Almighty and Gracious Providence, will insure for it a complete and speedy success.

With sentiments of profound respect I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
John H. Kennard

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