=tends were put on shore here by vessels, and surely they can=
not, with propriety be called Assistant missionaries; as they
were then in search of employment. — I see no difficul=
ty in the way, & the subject is now brought before you at Mr
Wilm's particular request. I suppose he writes to his
Board by this conveyance (S. Hanson, Esq of Philada
vessel.)

Mr Savage has a young man of the same class in his
employ at Mt Vaughan. All colored American
teachers, resident within 3 miles of Harper are require=
ed, by law, to perform military duty, except Mr James.
The question also arises, if a missionary, in what
terms any of his young men, who were civilized enough,
could be received into the colony — surely he could
not mean that they should enjoy all civil rights &
without being called upon to perform military duty
and & prejudice. The idea is preposterous.

Secondly — I wish to be discharged from my present
engagement, as your Agent, at the end of this year, or
as soon after, as you can appoint, or send out a suc=
=cessor. In reviewing the past, my heart swells with
gratitude towards the Board of Managers, for the kind
& prompt support which I have ever received from them;
& though my efforts have been feeble, yet I have done all
in my power for their interest; & should life be spared
to pursue years & ten, the five years spent in this
employ, will ever be, like a "green spot" in the Desert.
To it, memory will often recur.

I am pleased to hear that Colonization is again look=
ing up in Maryland. That a Kind Providence may
smile upon all your efforts in behalf of the poor & needy
descendant of Africa, is the ardent prayer of your
Your Obedt Servt
Jno. B. Russwurm
Agent &c

P. S. I wrote to Dr Hall by this conveyance

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