A. G. H. McPherson
Sept 22d

To the Director of the
Maryland Colonization
Society
Baltimore
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To

John H. B. Latrobe Esqr
President of the Maryland Colonization Society.

Respected Sir,

The Venerable Head of the Catholic Church, Gregory the sixteenth, the present Bishop of Rome, ever solicitous to promote the welfare and happiness of his Catholic Children throughout the World, has Requested the Right Revd. Dr. Kenrick, Co-adjutor Bishop of Philadelphia, to send, as soon as possible, two Catholic Missionaries to Liberia, to Minister to the spiritual wants of the Catholic portion of the inhabitants of that Country, and to diffuse the blessings & consolations of Christianity among them.

Accordingly Dr. Kenrick, having applied for information, relative to this subject, to the Secretary of one of the departments at Washington, was referred to the President of the American Colonization Society, from whom, owing to some cause unknown to the Subscriber, the desired information has not yet been received.

At the Request of Revd. Mr Gartland of Phila, who recently passed through this City, I am induced to take the liberty of enquiring, whether or not, the Maryland Colonization Society would be willing to take any measures to further the above object, and thus to afford an additional inducement to the Catholic People of colour of the United States to emigrate to Liberia. The Result of your deliberation on this subject will be thankfully received, by

Your humble Servt
Patrick Kelly

St. Mary's College Baltimore
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A. Letter Books

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