Salaries any goods or provisions sent hence by his Society.

Jno Rogers
Colonial Secretary.

Copy of questions by Mr D. S. Savage and Mr L. B. Allnor to Gov Kinnamon on his construction of the above act.

Mt Vaughan Aug 7 1841

Governor Kinnamon

Dear Sir

In accordance with your suggestion to the Mr L. B. Allnor yesterday we have worth proposed sundry questions respecting the interpretation of the act recently passed by the agent & Council, and entitled "An act to confine the right of trading & dealing in merchandise to the citizens of Maryland in Liberia, and declaring certain exemptions to the same" to which answer from yourself are respectfully solicited.

1st Are the Missionaries in paying out goods for labor done for them by the Colonists or in buying articles of provision from the Colonists with goods, considered in the spr of said act as merchants?

2d Are the Missionaries prohibited by said act from buying & procuring such articles as they may deem necessary to their health and carrying on their operations?

3d Does the said act prohibit the Missionaries from ~~employing a citizen member of their mission (as L. Dillon~~ fulfilling their contracts made with Colonists for labor previous to its enactment, so far as it depends upon the payment of goods?

4th Does the said act prohibit the Missionaries from paying out goods to the natives for labor?

5th Does the said act prohibit the Missionaries from employing a citizen — member of their mission (as L. Dillon or N. Brown) to act as their agent?

6th Does the said act prohibit the Missionaries from exchanging articles among themselves as they may think proper or necessary to their comfort, convenience and carrying on their operations?

Very respectfully Submitted
by Jeremiah S. Savage
L. B. Allnor

Copy of Gov Kinnamon's reply to the foregoing questions

Agency Office Aug 9 1841

Gentlemen

In reply to your first interrogatory I can give no better answer than in the words of the law. Be it enacted by the agent & Council, That hereafter, no person or persons other than citizens of this Colony shall carry on trade or do business by buying & selling or exchanging articles by way of trade or for labor directly or indirectly as a merchant within this Colony.

In answer to second interrogatory I see nothing in the law