& the disastres in Africa — Depend upon it Sir if you destroy this pillar the edifice falls & the hopes of many ardent friends of the African race expire, dependant as they have been on this Scheme. I believe the worst enemy of Colonization could not devise a surer mode for its defeat than that likely to result from the policy of compelling the missionary bodies of this country to leave the Colony —

The especial cause of difficulty in relation to Military duty, is so contrary to the policy of our State Gov^ts in relation to students in Colleges & so contrary to the spirit of Missions & so unnecessary to the strength of the Colony that it seems scarcely possible to devise another ground for the policy than a desire to drive off the Missionaries. Such a thought is monstrous & will I do not doubt meet with a signal rebuke from the American public —

I shall not for one hesitate to oppose the Colonization measures, from the moment I am persuaded that their operations are to be made, allies to infidelity, or Romanism —

I shall be pleased to hear from you as the Agent of the M. C. Soc. & to learn the real policy & the reasons for it, which it is intended to persue.

Your Obd^t Sv^t

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