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Dear Sir /

The Cause of Colonization has been prejudiced in this portion of the State, and in others also, even among our friends, by the statement of W. W. W. Bowie Esq made in the Slaveholders Convention, "that each emigrant transported and sent from the State had cost five thousand dollars to the State". Those who have taken the trouble to understand the subject as it is, know that the simples transportation of the emigrants is a small item - and that the obtaining of history - the planting of the Colony - the support and promotion of the Government - the erection of fortifications; clearing of roads - erection of bridges - surveying of lands &c &c are all very important items, and must subject the Society to heavy expenses; but the uninformed supporters of Colonization, those recently identified with the Cause, and those who have been opposed, ~~to~~ or in doubt as to the practicability and reason of the scheme have all been shaken in their confidence or alienated from it. I suggest, respectfully, that the annual report be in proper attitude before the Community - the spirit of enquiry is abroad, and it is very important that the public understand what has been done, and what is proposed, and what the prospect before us. The proceedings of the Slaveholders Convention will be extensively read and the antidote should extend as far as the poison - It will not do to introduce the Slaveholders Convention or Mr. Bowie; but the antidote can be made without either -

I think says the Slaveholders Convention will further the Cause of Colonization because the question up - the question what is to be done

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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