Gibson gave out before he left here for Africa that he would return as soon as possible from the fact of his not doing so, in what they his friends considered reasonable time, they have conjured up to themselves, dismal forbodings of his fate - If Jacob would return say they, and report satisfactorily, scouts of his friends would go to Africa with prize - I have no doubt, myself that it would give great impetus to the cause of Colonization, his abouts - as ~~they~~ the Colored population, of his acquaintance have the most unbounded confidence in his integrity and judgement - If you have received any late information in regard to Gibson, please let me hear from you, and I will take pains, that his friends shall be made acquainted with it - Would it be incompatible with the interest or policy of the Society to urge his return here? Your knowledge of the subject will enable you to form a better opinion on this subject than myself.

Brice was also anxious to know if the Ship was getting ready, to ply regularly between the port of Baltimore and Cape Palmas - I could give him no satisfactory reply -

I promised Brice to write to you immediately, and immediately after the reception of your answer to advise him of the result of the above inquiries -

Recent events that have transpired in the State (viz the proceedings of the Slaveholders Convention) have convinced the more reflecting of the colored population, that they must prepare to seek another home other than Maryland - and with some pain and encouragement, I should think, that many of this unfortunate class of people, might be induced to emigrate to Africa - the efforts of the Abolitionists both at home and abroad, to the contrary, notwithstanding - The recent agitation of the subject as above, the strong and decided measures, that are recommended to be adopted in regard to them, have alarmed many and operated on the cupidity of others - a good many are under the impression that their children cannot realize any advantages from the property they are now accumulating - so far as real estate is concerned particularly - Brice expressed fears of this kind this morning, and to be candid, I made no very great effort to disabuse his mind of the impression - Some five or six families of the same character as Brice, who own some property, are now seriously discussing this matter, and evince considerable anxiety to procure information in regard to Africa - they have made arrangements to be at my house in some time to four weeks, in the meantime please

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