Mr Elder &
Mr Cresley
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Dr. John H. B. Latrobe Esq
President of the
Maryland State Colonization Society

Dear Sir,

When at your office on the 21st you were pleased to invite my attention to a resolution of the Board on the subject of a general, and to signify your purpose to discharge me from the service of the society in one month from the day on which a meeting of the Board might be had. From this course I dissent, for several reasons, which I will now submit, and to the consideration of which the attention of the Board is respectfully invited.

First. The cause of Colonization would be prejudiced by withdrawing all travelling agents from the field at this particular time. It is true money, to any considerable amount, cannot be obtained in the counties of the state, just now, for this obvious reason. The people have no money, and having none can give none; and it is doing worse than nothing to beg men for that which they have not and cannot get; because they are irritated and prejudiced by such course, and because the door of approach, under more favourable circumstance is closed. But is it all of Colonization to beg money? And are other objects of vital interest to be abandoned because, for a few months, the best interests of this great scheme require a suspension of our begging operations? What would be the effect upon the state and

Dr. Hall
Colonization Rooms
Baltimore
Md.

Well Dr. Hall as I find a letter from Richmond, and one from Mr Ellis, that I shall be able to obtain what is required, and much oblige him by so doing, I will leave this city soon. Yours

J. Latrobe

Recd the above on Saturday morning

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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