time I addressed a letter to Revd John S. Mitchell, agent of the American Bible Society, in which I say - "as you have advised, my connection with the Maryland State Colonization Society will cease on the 15th of December next!" and requested his influence in procuring a place for me as "agent of the American Bible Society in" "one of the Western States." This letter without my knowledge was read to Dr Hall; and I have before me a letter from the Dr. dated 20th Oct 1841. ~~expressing~~ of which has this language. "With regard to the subject noticed in yours of 11th Inst I have heard nothing since you left, or since that talk in July, nor do I believe any one else else has thought of it. Very ~~[illegible]~~ impressive is that your services cannot be dispensed with, & will not be willingly until this respect balance is settled. At any rate I think you had better take no steps with regard thereto until after we meet. So I told Mitchell when he read me your letter concerning the Bible cause." In consequence of this letter from Dr Hall, the Bible agency was abandoned. Subsequently I urged the action of the Board upon my appointment for 1842 and was assured by Dr Hall that a meeting should be had of I insisted; but that he had conversed with the President of the Board and the arrangement was understood, I was satisfied and have continued my agency to this time; and although not so successful as I desired have done what I could. With the existing state of money matters in Maryland the Board are acquainted. A few months may, and it is earnestly hoped will, witness great improvement in all

our interests. Should the day arrive before Colonization is abandoned the people will give more liberally to build the Cape Palmas Church than for any other object yet proposed by the Colonization Society.

Permit me to say, in conclusion, that if the Society desire it I will leave their service on the 15th of December next, at which time my year expires, with the sincere hope that my successor will do more to further this great cause than can be done. by -

Very respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
John H. Kennard

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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