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Rev. Ashmun
Baltimore
Md.

New Market July 22nd 1842.

Dear Sir

your favour by the hands of Mr Cornish was duly received, and I have delayed answering it, in order that I might see the effect of Cornish's return upon the Colored population — I am happy to say that I think his return will have a good effect, and that we shall (if half go who say they intend going) have a good part of a ship load from this County — That is to say we shall have from 30 to 60 — We have concluded to let Cornish work his own way, for the present, among his acquaintance. We shall some of us go through the County with him — I do not think that there will be any necessity of hastening the agent to this County — He will probably be here in time — I gave orders to Cornish last night to tell all who intended to go to send their names to me at once — By this I shall probably soon be able to acquaint you how many we can depend upon — I however now find that we have much to contend against — Before the return of Cornish, their only cry was that they wanted information — Now I find ~~that~~ that many of the coloured, and some whites, are hostile to him — If we had not this influence to contend with, there would be 100 from this county this fall — But upon the whole I think he is quite recruited, and his statements credited — I think your coming to this County as you named would do no harm, and perhaps might do some good —

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