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Dear Sir

Baltimore Sept 20th 1843

It is my opinion that if two
thirds of the free people of colour were to Emigrate
with the speed that they individually possess to africa
we should in the short space of three years see a
prosperous and flourishing body of citizens on those
now benighted shores of vice and degradation
I say I conceive want of ambition and proper energy on
on the part of the coloured man to make himself what
he should be in the eye of the world. He says that he has
feeling and understanding and any thing short of this
high commendation is an infringement on his character as
a human being but does it show good understanding
of which he is much boasted for aim to sit quietly
under the frown of the white man in the U.S. and the
degradation of the whole world. When by proper management
and a little energy in Africa he might rise from
this deplorable condition and vie with the most refined
nations of earth. I think far to the contrary Sir as far
as I am able to judge in America the black man
has all to loose and nothing comparatively to gain. In
Africa he has all to gain and nothing to loose
N.B. I hope to be able to give my opinion at large at some
day not far distant — Therefore permit me to subscribe myself
your very respectfully — Elie Northington Stokes —

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