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Ch. R. S. Reeder
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Dear Sir,

Stirling Fox is a remarkable ~~Coloured~~ man - I am sure you need no stimulus to afford him the necessary aid to enable him to reach his point of destination - I think few instances are on record where a Coloured man so distant from the atlantic, against the advice of all his friends at home and his Col.d brethren on his journey should have the Physical courage without means, on foot, to set out from Kentucky and walk to the City of Washington & Balt.e there to taking Shipping for Liberia. He is a fine fellow with whom you will be pleased. His manly example will do much for the Colonization Cause when set forth to the public in the glowing Colours your pen is capable of, and with such a Spirit as you have so often evinced - I regret that he could not have been in your City to have taken passage in the Latrobe but hope he will soon be afforded an opportunity - I might have secured him a passage over the rail Road, but considering he had plenty of time - was a hale hearty fellow with a stout heart - that he could do more for the Cause by finishing his long journey on foot which he was quite willing to do.

Very respectfully
Yours
J. H. Kirkwood

J. Latrobe, President Col.n So.

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