Havre De Grace Jany 21st 1847

Dear sir

By request of some of the citizens of H. De grace i have
embrace this this opertunity to write thos few lines to you
i have been Requsted to go to Liberia and view the circumstance
of the colony both moral & social the mode of living &c &c
But i do not no whether the ~~soat~~ society would grant the
privelge of returning i so short a time for i would like to go
with the next emigration & Return as soon as i could get an opportuni
ty our people is very doubtful of Liberia some think that there
is Speculation others believe that the epidemic fevers i certain death
And some go so far as to believe that there is no such place as
Liberia and moreover what the colored people that have gon to Liberia
are sent to southern climes i had a great notion of going to Liberia
the Mason children took this here and in fact had made some
preparation but to my regret was over persuaded by my acquaintances
i would like to know if i could go to Liberia next spring and return
next fall and on what condition i could go for i am under belief
of a go to africa & return and report the state of things and
affairs of Liberia as i now think there are to our people i am
under the impression that in the fall expedition there could be a
good company from Havre de Grace & vicinity there was at one
time a good many persons in favor of Liberia but now
persuaded some to the contrary from you to given i
believe that i am the only person that has a bad belief in the
scheme not i do sincerely believe with a sincere desire that it may be
a better home and in Liberia than in most any part of
the country. And i am respectfully yours &c P. Deler Cambler or Office 6

Cape Palmas, Jany 23. 1847

Jno. H. B. Latrobe Esqr
Pres^t Md S. C. S.

Dear Sir,

It is with pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of Nov. 30. 1846 by the "Liberia Packet. Accompanying the despatch is the supplementary Ordinance & Tariff, which must afford real satisfaction to all good citizens & lovers of peace. The action of the Board being all we requested, we shall omit what was intended to be sent home in this letter about our revenue, and return thanks for the attention paid to our remarks heretofore ~~sent home~~. The law, let them be obeyed. The duties being payable in Camwood or Cash, not fifteen Dolls of the latter has been received for the last 6 mos - though the Light House is in ~~next~~ approved Lot of $200 for its apparatus. To meet this & other expenses, payable in cash, the Council have enacted, that the anchorage & light dues shall be payable in cash after 1846. Refer you to the minutes of the Council.

Agency Farm — We have endeavored to lessen expenses as much as possible, by employing only lads under 18 and new emigrants their first year. Most of the boys are orphans, and their parents would require help, if work was not provided for their children. We have met with heavy losses in our ~~cattle~~ stock — all the latter having died but three. I suppose 12 oxen would not repay our loss during 1846.

Agency Store — You have been notified of the dismissal of the former storekeeper for carelessness, to say the least of it, and the result is not having found one every way qualified, I have had to superintend the store more than ever. Every Saturday, Mr Pavat attends behind the counter & I perform the duties of his office & my own too. Our trade having been opened for the last 10 months

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