

This circumstance has proved very salutary, every one
~~Lawyers~~ Lawyers Carpenters and all are turning their at-
tention to farming. I would be glad could there be
some arrangements made respecting the colonist, and
that they obtain medicine I did not say that they
ought be made to pay for medicines, but positively
they are poor they cannot pay for ^{the} medicine alone
and as for medical attendance it is out of the question.
It is a pity for them to die for want of such. If
I have said any thing ~~not~~ inconsistent I must
claim your indulgence.

I don't recollect that at any time since the first
settlement of the colony that greater peace and
harmony prevailed than at present and has been
since the departure of the packet the party spirits
it appears taken its origin from commercial opposition
I hope such feeling may ever reign in Maryland in Liberia

Wishing you the best health I am ever Yours obedt
servt
D. R. Petcher

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

10. 1847--1848--1849

1847