

I was much disappointed at my reception in some parts of Anna Arnold, by some gentlemen now known as ultra Abolitionists in feeling & in practice. They controverted with vehemence and acrimony, the position we had assumed in relation to the Smith slaves. I explained, that a case had been made to try the practicability of the law, & that if it had been found incapable of execution in this, it would be in similar cases; that the ill-blood engendered by them against the Society in their misrepresentation of its motives and actions, would impede, if not retard, the cause of colonization with the slaveholders; that in encountering opposition from both sources, to wit the <sup>ultra</sup> Abolitionist & the <sup>ultra</sup> slaveholder, colonization would be up-hill in N<sup>o</sup>. 1. I concluded by appealing to them to practice discretion if ~~it~~ it were possible for them, for once in their lives, alleging that I could not get mainmissions for Liberia if they did not concede & compromise; concede then ultra force work & compromise a vexed question which was now actually threatening the Union itself in Congress. I have assumed wholly a middle course, I practice & lecture solely upon a middle ground, believing this to be the wisest and safest plan, & I appeal to the better

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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