been a monstrous cruelty. The dregs of society, it will readily be conceded, are the worst ingredients in the body politic;- they are the last class of people on the face of the earth, out of which, to fashion & mould a society to form a government, and if this kind of material had been procured, by the Am. Society, in founding their colony in Africa, a precious state of things would have been the result. Could it Managers have shown clean hands to the St. of Md., and justified by such mismanagement, a more genuine mal-appropriation of the $20.000, voted to a far different end!! The infant colony of Maryland in Liberia, has been peopled no better than was essential to a judicious selection of the material for that purpose. They could not have done a more insane act, whether the legislative policy of the State, looked to such a result or not, than to have urged by entreaties, or forced out by arbitrary measures, helter skelter, the free blacks for settlement in Africa, without due discrimination. The colony was made for a different purpose. A government of men, educated, capable and upright men, had to be instituted, and it required the utmost address and skill to build up the colony upon a proper foundation. The colonists must need be trained in the art of government; the officers of which, with the colonial physician, are composed entirely of coloured men; they lacked knowledge, this was given them here, and now the colony is ably represented in almost every department of agricultural & mechanical science and ~~mechanical~~ labour. Indeed, so skilfully were the original plans of government laid, that commerce and agriculture in Africa, not dreamed of 35 years ago, ~~and since been a thing with name~~, now exist, visible to the eye. The colonists send us their palm-oil, gold dust, ivory, coffee, beeswax &c, in exchange for our cotton, hardware, shoes hats &c. The Liberia packet is constantly trading to and from Balto. & the colonies, and her voyages speak trumpet-tongued in favour of colonization. The commerce and agriculture alone of Liberia, if unsupported by collateral facts, would demonstrate the practicability of colonization. By the statistics, furnished by the census of 1848, it will be seen we have at Cape Palma

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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