Washington, July 21. 1848.

Sir.

Dr Bacon, whose letters on Liberia attracted some attention a few years ago, & were supposed by many to "expose in a masterly & thorough manner the Colonization Scheme," has lately put forth the following charges, which are quoted in the Anti-Slavery Standard of 20th inst.

1. That through the hostility of the colony to missionary operations generally, & the evil influence of its low moral condition, the station at Cape Palmas was broken up. its "evil example" being an "insurmountable obstacle."

2. That in 1837, Pres. Roberts & Sec'y Lewis were "the agents & factors of Pedro Blanco, the greatest slave-trader on the coast": that "the colony in 1839-9 was one of the greatest auxiliaries of the slave trade, & the slave-tenders in return were the chief support & defence of the colony": that "slave-vessels were the most frequent visitants of Liberia - sometimes six of them anchored at Mesurado for a week together, active in business connected with the slave trade" and that "the whole colony favored the slave trade, & rejoiced at the opportunity to enter the service of the slavers".

3. That Roberts, Lewis & Payne, now in this country as delegates from Liberia, "have received

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