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Urbana, Fredk. Co. Md.
26 July 1848

My Dear Sir,

After a period of very anx-
-ious deliberation, I have come to the con-
-clusion to remain where I am, without re-
-gard to the overtures you have been kind
enough to make me from the Maryland
Colonization Society.

I hope that my interest in the great cause
you represent, so far from undergoing any
diminution, has been increased by the conside-
-ration I have given it; but the conviction has
been forced upon me that my health is inad-
-equate to the task you would impose upon
me: & I give this now as the only & suffici-
-ent reason for declining it. I must, in
order to enjoy a tolerable degree of comfort,
lead a regular & systematic life - I must,
in short, live at home, where diet, exercise
& hours for retiring are altogether under
my own control. My experience, in two or
three recent trips from home, has settled this
question for me - & I can therefore say with

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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