

tion that was separated. Such is their disinclination to be in a
formed & such their hostility to Liberia, that I believe, an
an angel from heaven could not obtain their
confidence. Old Jim Lawder killed colonization dead
as a herring here. Some say the fever killed him, &
it all humbug about running a nail in his foot. Others
believe he is in Georgia & I have been told by
some that unless some one of the Lawder family
or Mr. Arnold Barnes, or some one else who
went from St. Marys, comes back & they see
them with their two eyes, they won't even listen
to any thing about Liberia. So for God sake
my dear doctor write for Barnes or one of the Lawders
do by the next Packet, and if they come over that
will doubtless be the character to the complete stir
ring up Hammond and I are giving them now,
and although our present campaign may produce no
signers, yet it will have the effect of drawing out
whatever of confidence there is to be had from a
community of blacks, which for arrant stupidity
and impudence beats out any in the State.
The objections by the blacks are not the most dis-
heartening things I encounter - the hospitality here
is quite different to what I found it in Calvert, than
to force my way, with some rare exceptions, into their
civilities. It was only yesterday, I came up to a house,
just at dinner, & after a long confab, in which the
gentleman expressed an ardent wish to see all the
free blacks in Liberia, and at the same time refused
to give a donation to the cause, I arose, walked
casually to the door (expecting every moment to be
asked to dinner) and rode away in profound disgust.
What can make people so devilish mean? Here
is a man who professes friendliness to the cause,
is not only refusing to support it by his means, but so
lost to every sense of good breeding and gentility as
to fail to find either the colonization agent, or his

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