

must pay him a salary from the time of his leaving your service to enter theirs. You will know whether to consult Mr. Latrobe and others before answering.

We have as yet made no attempt to collect funds; and notwithstanding all that the newspapers say, there is only one hundred dollars in the treasury. Still, we feel no apprehensions about getting money as fast as we can find a good use for it.

Now for colonization. There are two colored men here, with young families, who want to be something more than they hope to be in this country, and who, therefore, wish to go to Liberia as commission merchants. They wish to go next fall, and to take out with them, only such an amount of goods as is necessary for a fair beginning. They have rich friends here, who, they say, will furnish them with goods. William Sturgis is one of the friends, and Robert or Samuel Hooper, - I am not sure which, - is another. The intention is, that it shall be made profitable, both to the emigrants, and to those who furnish the goods; and if it proves so, business will be extended as far as shrewd merchants deem advisable.

Now Mr. Sturgis, like a Yankee, as he is, wants to "ask questions" before he goes "ahead." Especially

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