The third, consider the step necessary, and to make it effective if any good, deem annexation indispensable, they ask for no other terms than are enjoyed by the Counties of Liberia — The fourth, are the smallest party, and are principally office holders, and those who aspire to prominent offices in event of the organization of a State disconnected with the Republic.

The third class are the most intelligent of the community, there is a prospect of their joining with the second and concerting some plan for action — they will together be three fourths of the entire people.

I have declined visiting Monrovia for the reasons stated in my letter to the Board — I have however imposed on my Brother James at Monrovia the task of trying to gain friends to our cause — and proposed to our Colonists the appointment of two of the most intelligent to visit Monrovia, for the purpose stated in your letter.

Several Meetings of the Colonists have been held without resolving upon any well concerted measures for forwarding the wishes of the Society. It strikes me that persons holding offices under the Society altho' apprised of your wishes are engaged in misrepresenting them to prevent concerted action I cannot imagine the motive except it arises from their reluctance to favour plans which involves the relinquishment of office.

It is not improbable that the arrangement of the Society will be completed, ere we make the important enquiry touching our future relations with the old Colony. I am rather astonished at the obtuseity of judgment which causes hesitation where the necessity should be apparent to the most casual observer.

For the last three years I have considered the annexation of this Colony to the Republic as an event that would be forced upon us, and yet as one that we would neither be prepared for, nor disposed to admit to favorable consideration. I have conversed freely with the most prominent men of the Republic, on the subject of the formation of the "State of Md. Liberia" and of annexation as such, but with none has the idea ~~met~~ matter with favour.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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