It is also evident that nothing short of impending ruin will ever reconcile the Colonists here to the idea of uniting with the Republic as a County: how to reconcile such wide and conflicting differences is the question.

Independence without Confederation, or connexion in any way with the present Republic, would not, I conceive be desirable, or effective of the purposes of the Society. The principal objections advanced by the Society, to our union with the Republic, upon the terms provided in her Constitution, are "it would, say the despatch, paralyze the peculiar Maryland interest which has built up your Colony and under hopeless I fear a Continuance of her appropriation," besides abandonment of her plan of independent action; "it would be offensive to the Colonists at Cape Palmas."

The great axiom upon which African Colonization is founded is "that the happiness of the two races requires their separation," and Christianity and humanity holds out this scheme as the means of this separation. Now if this necessity exists and is urgent, and the blacks are willing to emigrate, the means as a matter of course will be provided for their transportation.

This Colony has been founded, and maintained, by the appropriation made by the State of Maryland.— I cannot say that we can dispense with further assistance, but I really do think, that the diminution of it, to the Colonists generally, and its being rigidly confined to the extension of aid, and assistance, to new immigrants alone; would better serve to create a spirit of self dependence.

It must be apparent to all interested for the welfare of this Colony, that it needs a rapid addition to its numbers; and these must be men of superior character and intelligence:— the question at once arises can the State of Maryland furnish them?: or will such men seek even "Independent Maryland in Liberia" disconnected with the present Republic in preference to the Republic itself? I think not! The mere name of Independence without its acknowledgement, and its benefits will not impress such men favorably.

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