nationality, of character and of protection, and are willing to allow them an equality of representation in our Legislature what more can reasonably be required?"

The Nationality of the Republic has been admitted by several of the European powers, her laws can be enforced throughout her territorial limits, and her commerce within her borders (altho' the product of the country are not fully developed,) is ample for her present means and present wants. Her reputation in the U. States is drawing to her shores respectable immigrants in large numbers, and even from Maryland, many of them possessing wealth, — in a word the Republic of Liberia is prospering, and we desire to share in her prosperity, and would too, upon the establishment of the only relations that are practicable.

The Independence of Md. in Liberia ~~was declared~~ being once declared, annexation to the Republic must be effected, otherwise it would be useless to disturb the present relations existing between this Colony and the Society. The simple fact of this being pronounced an Independent Republic, would not be sufficient to change the current now setting towards the old Colony, but would have the sad effect to deprive the people of the support they now enjoy.

The different counties of the Republic, one and all are opposed to the proposed confederation. All anxiety on the subject of our relations with the Republic rest with us, the Liberians have no particular desire for our annexation even as a County.

There are provisions in the existing Constitution of the Republic respecting Emigration, that would suit your purposes, as well as they do those of the old Society. — All Emigrants are received. I do not think it would be productive of good results to limit us exclusively to the reception of Emigrants from Maryland. The prosperity of the Colony would be promoted by encouraging their coming from all parts of the U. States, men possessed of varied talents and abilities from all parts of the U. States uniting harmoniously ~~in one~~ ~~plan~~ would

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A. Letter Books

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