would have the effect to destroy the sectional feelings ~~[illegible]~~ heretofore by present State Colonization operations.

The Colonists here should not be encouraged in their rejection of the idea of annexation to the Republic as a County for the following reasons.— We require strength and numbers to control, and if necessary subdue our native population. This will be the first work for Liberia to assist in, and well enough they know it. Should we undertake it alone, it would be likely to involve the destruction of more than half the improvements in the Colony, but with the force, that the Liberians are able and willing when required to take the field we could easily subdue all around us if necessary. When our strength ~~became felt or~~ became known, we could easily interfere and prevent the wars existing around us constantly and which are so detrimental to the interests of our Colony.

The extension of the laws of the Republic over our territories, would give us the exclusive right of traffick with the natives, her Revenue vessels would keep off foreigners, or compel them to enter their vessels, thus greatly increasing the revenue of the Colony.

I do not think you have correct views ~~respecting~~ the effect of County annexation, when you say "the intelligent and able of the Colonists would be attracted to the older settlements." I am certain that annexation would be productive of opposite effect— Superior advantages in trade would draw men from the older Colonies into this Colony where they would find less competition, and greater profit than is realized on the Coast of Liberia proper.

Suppose we annex as a County to the Republic my plans would run thus— Let C. Palmas and Sinoe be united and form a State— Bassa & Montserado form another— this would be practicable and would be readily assented to by Bassa & Sinoe and if C. Palmas were added would carry it through. Sinoe must eventually be the seat of Government, but this could only be effected after some time.

"I can imagine the old colony,— making terms with the Society for the admission of Cape Palmas as a County even

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