Harper Cape Palmas
January 9. 1851

J. H. B. Latrobe, Esq
President Md. St. Col. Soc

Dear Sir

Your favour dated Nov. last was duly received.

The views and wishes of the Board of Managers, as expressed in the despatches in July on the subject of the Independence of Maryland in Liberia, and its Confederation with the existing Republic of Liberia were made known to the Colonists by Proclamation.

My determination to become a citizen of the Republic unfitted me for the performance of the duties enjoined on my predecessor in office, in preparing the way for the negotiation of terms of Confederation between the Republic of Liberia and the Contemplated Republic of Md. Liberia.

The freedom with which I had expressed my opinions in this Colony on the subject of annexation, anterior to the decease of Governor Russwurm, (which opinions I still entertain) begets the impression here that I must of course be opposed to every effort for bringing about the Confederation as an independent State: this being the case it was impossible for me to secure the hearty co-operation of the Colonists, or to impress them favorably of the honesty of my intentions to use every means in my power to bring about the union so strongly urged by the Society and so indispensable to the success of future operations.

I was however satisfied that the Liberian government would not ~~have concluded~~ accede to our propositions for confederating, and it is even ~~doubtful~~ if the proposition to annex as a County, would have met with favour.

The Board are now starting enquiries, such as I have been making for the last three years. I have conversed freely with the President of the Republic with

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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