friendly relations should be maintained with the Maryland St. Col. Society, to whom we are abundantly indebted. From them we may hope for a full and hearty cooperation of the measures we are about taking; and by them we will always be regarded with feelings of pride and pleasure, should our independence be favored by the smiles of Heaven. We are to be presented to the world, and this they will doubtlessly do so far as is necessary to conduce to the interest of our Commonwealth. But, Gentlemen, because we have heretofore depended upon this aid to the total ~~exclusion~~ absence of all other momentous considerations, I would not mislead you by suggesting that this aid is to be continued as usual — no, Gentlemen; as a people the relations in which we have stood for years to the Society, must give place to new ones. The support of this government will devolve on ourselves — as men, we are to front all political disadvantages, and brave the storm of wintery days — We are to put our shoulders to the wheel, and peradventure a gleam of light may burst from some unexpected quarter, and disperse the dense atmosphere which darkens our vision and checks our onward march. In speaking on this head, there are several things to be considered, which are of no less importance to our government than any other, and which are among the first matters to be attended to: and,

1st. What share of the territory will the Society agree to to allow exclusively for our government, after reserving as much

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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