only think of it a Negro Republic! a Negro President, Negro Senators and Representatives, and Negro laws!!! is there any thing under Heaven more likely to cause the Negro race to rush by thousands on board the "Ebony line of Steamers" bound for this Negro land.!!! My spirited old father used to talk to me about the Negro Republic in Hayti when I was a only six years old, and my little heart would pant with exultation and desire, I then felt that I was willing to undergo any amount of suffering and danger to be one among the Haytians, and Uncle believe me there are a plenty of Colored men and lads with you now upon whom the name of "Republic of Liberia" is making a profound impression. If you would help Cape Palmas "palaver strong" for annexation, so that we may get our fair proportion of good immigrants from all part of the U. States.

This Colony has increased its numbers only since you governed it but I really cannot discover any material increase in intelligence respectability or self dependance. The Governor must stile originate every enterprise, must instruct every one, and perform every thing, there are none upon whom he can seek reliable council or advice; if he is successful, he gets no thanks, if he fails through inadequate means or assistance he is d— d— ignorance ingratitude, and malevolence meet him at every point and render his life miserable.

Ninety out of every hundred of our people are paupers, and would be contented as such during their lives if the Society would give. If a child is born the Society must furnish food & raiment if an adult dies the Society must furnish a shroud & Coffin thus from the cradle to the grave it is a regular system of pauperism. Look at the Invalid account, Profit & Loss account, the Public Farm account, these matters do not appear to me to be exactly as they should be, but thus they are, and are firmly established, and the majority of our people desire that they should remain thus.

I draw a gloomy picture of our Colony, or of the character and prospects of its inhabitants, but tis nevertheless true!

The greatest pains has been taken for a century or more to degrade the colored man in the States to the level of the brute and uninstructed & unimproved are expected by the simple passage across five thousand miles of ocean to be fit to fulfil the functions and duties of free and enlightened citizens. If our patrons would reflect a little they would discover how utterly futile to be ~~their~~ efforts to render this Colony attractive to men of character, abilities and wealth, ~~by the idea of~~ ~~by the idea~~ ~~see~~ if all is made to depend on the operations of the unfortunates whom they emancipate or liberate

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