

attained, that maturity and fitness for independence in reality which the Liberians had only in name. These uncharitable doubts and hopes were dispelled by my last visit to the U States where I found the Col. Society (Comm), fostering New Colony & its interests with increasing pride & satisfaction, and that the Colonized people of your City were being unfavorably impressed concerning our Colony, and astonished with the disinclination of its people to fraternize with Liberia people.

I returned home and began sounding the leading men in the Republic as to the terms upon which they would be willing to receive the State of Maryland as a member of the Republic. These enquiries were instituted with a very vague and indefinite purpose, and at that time with perfect indifference as to the answers elicited; but I will remember that no individual with whom I have conversed on the subject expressed willingness to grant us admission as a State.

Situated as we are in the neighborhood of the Republic it was clear to me that it no very remote period we should be united and I thought all sensible men among us should think upon and become familiar with the subject in all its bearings. I have sometimes brought the subject up, with members of this community but except missionaries have rarely found any disposed to consider it favorably. The fact is the majority of the people depend on the Society too far, for their living, to admit of their abandonment voluntarily, extinguishing it. They have but few thoughts, hope, or aspirations beyond the present, they are the recipients of the bounty of the Society and they care for nothing more.

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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