

The plan of annexation proposed in your letter I am sorry to say will be of difficult accomplishment and perhaps altogether impracticable — from the fact that we ask all and are able to bestow nothing in return. My Brother James is now here on a visit, & and tells me that the Liberians will not receive us upon the terms proposed. He says that in case the Colony were forced to declare itself independent and did so then the Republic might receive her as a County but nothing more — but I have not time allowed me to present properly all the difficulties that exist to defeat your object — I would however refer you to Mr Geo Hale for information on the subject as he is now almost a Liberian, of deep interest and familiarity in & with all subjects connected with Africa can make matters —

Capt. Lawler will sail from this to the U. State in six weeks after the Packet this will afford me an excellent opportunity for writing again and at greater length on the subject

Our Colony could not have experienced a greater loss than it has by the death of Gov. Russwurm now we have a brighter ornament — yet I would you believe it, there are people in the Colony who in public express themselves that the Almighty had removed "a stumbling block" from the way of the people — I only give this to show you

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A. Letter Books

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