

Harper, Md in Liberia

November 15, 1851

The Hon. the Board of Managers
Maryland St. Col. Society

Gentlemen:

As
the committee to whom was referred the subject of cor-
responding with your honourable body in view of the
change, as informed through your Acting Agent, which
will shortly be effected in the government of this
Colony, we have the honour to lay before you the accom-
panying views on the government in contemplation sub-
mitted by Mr. Fount and accepted, and the feelings
and wishes of the people, in whose service we have the
pleasure of being engaged. We are first to inform
you of the dependence of gratitude which the people
express of the abundance of your goodness and kindness
in extending help and aid to the Colony for the past
17 years of its existence; and their confidence in the
disinterestedness of your purposes, that nothing in
point of advice or counsel will be spared in promo-
ting their welfare when the relation in which they now
stand to you will be changed. They are aware of the
many exigencies incident to a change of government;
and were it not for the influence it may have on
colonization, and the interest to result to this Colony
by means of immigration, they would, we dare say, be
content to remain under the government of your society.
But having no alternative from the fact that the fu-
ture welfare of this Colony is apparently involved in
a change of government for the promotion of its future
interests both here and abroad, they are willing to
brave many disadvantages and forego the benefits, in
some respects, heretofore resulting to the Colony through
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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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