

The expediency thereof of making estimates of expenditure and the importance of attending to the subject of a providence to meet these expenditures consequent on a change of government, involved, among other considerations, a matter of great importance to us.

The people are all agreed on the subject of Confederating with the Republic; and the terms, if we except a very few persons, on which they wish to confederate, out of a State. Except such action on colonial matters as has been taken by the Society, they have always been used to independent State Legislation. They are sensible of losing this prerogative if united on other terms — for instance a County. Your acting Agent's views on the subject of Confederation, are not in coincidence with those of the people. He wishes annexation upon any terms Liberia may suggest, and emphatically expresses his convictions, from knowledge obtained, that she will not agree to receive this Colony upon any terms than those of a County.

Were it our province to institute official inquiries on the particulars of this subject, under the existing rule of the Colony, which it is your indubitable right to maintain until you are pleased to withdraw your power, the doubts on the subject as to our reception by that government, in point of annexation, would soon be cleared up by persons regularly delegated to that end.

The people wish the Board to know

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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