Provided we have the Intire Controle of Government. that is, the putting in Office by vote the man of our chose an displacing him when he do not act according to our wishes, that is our Chief Magistrat

This privelige we as a people; large to have, and will never rest peacable in this Colony untill that period comes around; even at this present time our Colony is in a State of measeness; the minds of our Colonist unsettled and they fear that the Board, will take Stepes to annex them to the Republic, without consulting their mutual interest in the manner they ought before they here frame them in a body, annexation as a country we are opposed to in to, to. but as a State, we are all willing & not a dissenting will be found on this head; our confederation.

We Most cordially hop that the Board will not do so; we do not know as yet what plans they are maturing for us. and for this purpose, and we will not know till the arrival of the Liberia packet. Therefor Sir please be informed by me, Who must, you will admite; must stand the minds of our Colonist, that they will not move one Stepe more in declaring ourselves an Independent Government till we Receive an answer from the Board to a Letter accompanying an address of Mr W A Prant. which all goes to the United State in the ~~Brig~~ Barque Morgan Dickson, This letter cumming from the people which letter I had the honor of bearing one of the Committy.

You will Sir, have the Honor of reading the same, which letter corroborat with the address and plans of Mr (W A Prant the Cor. Secretary) for the Organizing & maintaining Government, this address was delivered in a public assembly of our people, & I would say the largest number ever assembled at one time, since the formation of this Colony & Sir, the address & plans was adopted by a large majority, and a Resolution, that it, In company with the letter which you will see; should be forward to the Board by the first opportunity.

I would further say, that the opinion of our colonist is this; they do not believe, and neither do I, the Board would enter into any negotiation, (touching annexation with the authorities of the Republic of Liberia proper without first consulting us in a body, some are inclined to believed they would, But Sir; this belief prevails among those who are Ignorant of their own wants. if the Board did do this what would be the End, Why Sir the Result would; Judging from the Spirit of our people terminate in blood Shed, amongst us, this in my humble opinion, would be the last Resort, and Sir as ~~a fact~~, their is just Spirit enough here for such a Step though. I hope, all thing that is to be done for us; When it is done, that it will be well done, and peace of mind Restored to us all, again, I was in hope of seeing this Colony progress, But its present Situation is uncomfortable. and the uncomfortableness arises a good deal

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