neglect, and that to my hearts Sorrow, of same painful events & Some of them yet very imminent that have acted to our name & prosperity in a political Sphere; Which brings me to that period, to Say, it is time you were left alone, & Stand forth like men and defend yourselves as such. It must be reasonable to your minds eye that all things have not been, and is not right amongst us, if I were left to judge, of the Capability, of your Acting Agent, and administration, (which really I have judge to hard already,) he is not the man for us from various causes, which I have not the time nor Space here to make any comment but Leave you to judge. But lapses of time must Since many passed Events that have at present Rolled thereon, as a cloud my mind, into oblivion, when too, I looked with eagerness, to Enjoy that High privilege of choosing one from amongst us, to be our Chief Magistrat, this Theme, I trust in a few more month will Role around to us.

Though it is not to be, indeed, expected, that a unison of Sentiment on those various topic which I have Stated to you in this letter can be Learned, as yet, though Same Sentiment it is true appear or partake of a minor appearance, but Small as they may appear unto you, they Bring us to think and let think one these things, and discuss them when discussion is needful.

Returning to the Subject of the Board proclamation, this Sir, you will please be informed, was not published

under 2 weeks or there about after the departure of the Liberia Packet, this was quite an astonishment to our people, I cannot much mentioning; there appears to be a wantingness on the part of Doctor J. F. McGill, at the time, at least, I know not the Real Cause of such neglect on his part, that the Interest of the people, at So favorable an Opportunity Should have been neglected. He very well new that no opportunity could afford in the interval, of the next arrival of the Packet, for the people to Send, to the Board, their wishes, and an Answer of Same Kind, if even by a Short letter, it would have been Some Satisfaction to them, in answer to the proclamation.

There was Sufficient time for the publication and also time enough for our people to have assembled together & Deliberate on what measures to take, So as to prevent a delay, to carry out the Board wishes, but as it is, it appears that Some foul play was to be put in operation, to baffel us or put us back in our Steps that we might take to better our condition, he, no Doubt feared a Removal from Office by us nothing have been done by us toward annexation and we do not intend to act toward it unless it meet our wishes, that is annexation with all the privileges of a State Government. We are Maryland or, if not Received on these terms, we will Remain a Republic State Government alone and Confederat for each other Mutual assistance in case of wars

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