

Capo Palmas Gaspee February 6th 1833

Mr. Math. B. Latrobe
President of the Col Board
of Maryland

Dear Sir I received yours of Nov 23rd
of which I feel much pleasure in reading and to my great sup-
prise therein that the Board have recommended the same steps
for the declaration of our Independence as I have advocated
in public meetings among our citizens, before the arrival of
your dispatches to the Acting Governor of the Colony.
It is true we have sought with patience for their action
but could it possibly have been done as was recommended by
some of us, we would have been in readiness to send to America
all our own goods to the West by this vessel. But as it is
the prejudice of the people in this Colony have to prevail much
against the mass of ignorance. The Government have been busy
greatly and weeks before the arrival of the Lord & the dispatches
received & read to the people

and immediate action has been taken by the people in manifesting
their wish for an independent state. The pole was opened
by the Acting agent on the last day of January 1833 when the people came
up and cast their tickets at 6 o'clock P.M. The pole was raised the vote
on the question was 122 in favour & none against it & if there were
any objection not known of to the pole. But there was some that were
against it and desired to change into the benefits of the appropriate

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