

John W. Stewart  
Governor of Maryland

I wish to thank you for the  
kindness with which you have  
received me in Baltimore. I have  
been very much gratified with  
the result of my visit to the  
State House of Delegates for my  
purpose.

But they were very few  
On the 15th of this month we had a rather public meeting for the purpose  
of nominating 800 persons delegates for the Convention of Commissioners  
-we to come to Baltimore these persons, who ever they may be  
elected by the people, as they seem to think is the best step, for fear of  
jealousy & strife among us, therefore I expect by the first opportunity  
after the departure of the Lady, the Commissioners will leave for America  
Referring to that part of your letter to me, speaking that I may  
"fill an honorable part in the new order thing,"  
I would say in answer to this, I feel that I have spent my best days  
among my own people in Cape Palmas in trying to do all good that  
possible lies in my power under former Administration, under  
the present, how laborious might I say for the completion of the Lady's  
-ent subject, with an expectation that we should have the glory of getting  
& doing all appertaining to the completion of this work. But  
the glory I hoped, & wanted my people to do, has slipped from  
their hands my too consequence having suffered so much for  
branding by being slandered and accused of wanting to assist the  
present Government, & suffering much more way as the latter, that I  
have almost come to a final resolution to break out from all  
public matter, I have since I emigrated to this country  
& have never been without some public office conferred  
upon me either by election or appointment, & that one office  
with the exception of collector, ever afforded me an income of one  
hundred annually, ever up to next highest office in the Government  
that was ever offered, & ever got a poor man's

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