

To the Board of Managers of the  
Maryland State Colonization Society.

Gentlemen.

My recent election to the Presidency of the  
American Colonization Society makes it proper  
that I should resign the corresponding office  
in the State Society, that I have so long held.  
The object of this letter is to do so.

But I cannot part from you, gentlemen,  
without saying, that if there is honour in the  
position to which I have been elected in the  
National Institution, I owe the honour to you,  
whose confidence and kindness has given to  
me the opportunity, and elevated me into  
the prominence, without which all aspirations  
of my own would have been vain.

To tell you that I thank you is but a poor  
expression of my feelings: and I am conscious  
that my words fall far beneath the occasion,  
when I tender to you, one and all, my warmest  
deepest and most grateful acknowledgements.

Truly and Respectfully  
Yours  
Geo. W. Watney.  
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