

St. Helens Oregon Territory May 19th 1853

To Mr. Peys
Agent of Maryland Col Society
Dear Sir

Before leaving the states last fall I intended to call on you for information respecting the terms upon which your Society would take charge of - send to and settle a young negro man on your settlements in Liberia in Africa but was prevented doing so by sickness and pressing business -

Such information is now requested and I hope you will pardon me for desiring an early answer as the circumstances of my situation render it necessary to know ^{for me in a few months} in order to take definite action before 1st January 1854.

It is my intention to send him and he is willing to go to Liberia. I know nothing better that I can do for him. At present he is hired out for the year 1853. Per chance the man with whom he lives would let him off sometimes during fall. He is about 18 years of age. - I should want him taken care of in the fullest sense of the word. he is however healthy strong and can do good and effective service.

Most Respectfully

Geo. M. Berry

address -

Oak Point Columbia
" " " River

I might add the boy is in Maryland

Please tell me what steps to take here in order to get you possession of the boy in Maryland without having to visit Maryland myself
G. M. B.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

12. January 1853--April 1855

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