

I saw it stated in the news papers more than a year ago ⁽¹⁸⁵⁴⁾ that the American Colonization Society, had suggested the propriety of building or buying a suitable Steam ship to convey Colonists to Africa, it was also mentioned that several gentlemen at the south had offered to give a certain sum each, in case a sufficient number of others would give a like sum so as to raise a sufficient amount for the purpose, will you do me the favor to enquire of Mr. H. B. Latrobe Esq. Pres^t of the Am. Col. Society, if there is any prospect or probability of a sufficient amount being raised for the purpose, I have seen no mention of the matter for some time past, my reason for wishing the information, is that I might contribute several thousand dollars myself, if there is any certainty of the scheme going into operation - please to let me hear from you at your convenience.

Yours very Respectfully -

To John Bowman Ken Esq.

Mr. Stevens II

Mr John Stevens was one of the Captains
of the ship under the name of the Hon
John Lead here of the Eastern Shore

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Westminster Sept 27th 1855.

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Dear Brother

After an absence of about a week from this place I met your letter of the 19th proposing to be with us October 14th in reply I answer two weeks later would suit us much better as we have some special matters allotted to that time

Yours affectionately
Geo. Bowen

Rev. A. S. S. Esq.

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

13. May 1855—October 1857

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