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Register, Wells Office

Amesbury

March 1st 1856

My Dear Sir

I hope you will not regard it out of place in me to write you in relation to the appointment of Agents for your Society. The interest I have always taken in the Cause of Colonization will give a sufficient apology.

I called on Wednesday last at Sec. Doe's Hall & was in hopes of meeting you at the Office.

I am sure the Sec. does not believe me capable of recommending the appointment of any one as Agent for the Society who I did not think well qualified for it. I think I have long thought that the free negroes of the State are inclined to question the correctness of the very flattering accounts which the Agents have given of our Colony in Africa, and therefore will not attend meetings, collect for the purpose of assisting them, and therefore the talk is of no avail. With the view of changing the whole system of operations I recommended Mr. Lipscomb. If he accepts it, he will go to work to obtain Agents & collect money. To do this he will take his horse & go to see the free negroes at his own house & seek some

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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