

in procuring a passage in the Pierce, no hope
and another opportunity offers to dissuade him
from his hasty conclusion. Should he finally make
up his mind to cast his lot among us; it would
be a source of joy to us all; both because of the
injury his return might do the Colonization cause
in the vicinity from which he came, and because
he is an intelligent man and might become
a very useful member of the community. His
comrades Brown and Young are perfectly satisfied
and I believe would do almost anything sooner
than return a gain to America with a view to re-
maining there. Mr Preston an old man who
came out last year in the Pierce left dissatisfied
a few weeks since in the "Mendi" for America.
It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant
when our people shall come to their right senses on
this subject, and be fully convinced that Africa
and not America is the colored man's home,
and evince their conviction by their actions.

I herewith enclose two orders
One for Medicine for Agency store as you
requested, and one for sundry stores on my
own account, which please fill with cheap
but good articles. When you request me to
order for the Society's store I understand you to
mean things to be sold to meet expenses ~~out here~~
or to pay for labor &c, and not for the support

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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