Government House,
Harper, Md in Liberia
October 21 1856.

Charles Howard, Esqr.
President of Md State Col Society.

Dear Sir:

Your kind favor per Bark "Shirley" came duly to hand and the contents noted — We are happy to reciprocate the friendly assurance of the Society, and the very salutary advice you have been pleased to tender as the Organ of the Society. My fellow citizens, in common with myself, regret the recent popular action which took place in Dec last; you will be assured, Sir, that their was no prompting of Political aspirants greedy for power, but it was the action of the whole people of Md in Liberia. At this distant day, I forbear to harrow up the ground past over, and now quieted; but a passing observation may not be out of place. Difficulties subsisting between this Government and the Neffau tribe, living to the Windward of us; they sent a Delegation and peace offering; Contrary to the advice of many prominent Citizens, the Delegation was imprisoned — the peace offering appropriated to the use of the then incumbent and his few ill advisors — and when this took place a number of our citizens was in that Country, the home of the delegation (also a large amount of property), persuing their peaceful vocation. By this act of imprisonment our fellow citizens lives, and property, was jeopardized without law authority or official notice being given them by the then incumbent. This glaring act of Maladministration is but one of the series. I almost tremble now for my Country, when I remember the fact; and now inform the Honorable Board of Managers that, Intemperance that baneful vice, discovered to the people the situation of their Chief Magistrate, not to mention the advantage given to evil designing partisan. Another fact, which tend to render our peaceful relation imminent perilous at that time — the Palmas tribe, living in our immediate vicinage are the allies of the Neffaus. It was a common thing to see Mr Prout whilst at the head of the

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