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especially works as reference - authors on public law - likewise the Journals of the U S Congress, and your own noble State Md.

The General Assembly passed a Law authorizing the Executive to purchase, build, or accept the donation of a vessel to be employed in the Revenue service. At present, the want of such a vessel is quite detrimental to our Finances, and for the procuring of such a vessel at one blow our Treasury does not warrant at present; we therefore throw ourselves upon the beneficient and ever noble hearted freeinds in the State of Maryland. The vessel is designed to be not more than 90 Tons. less than 60 tons. The Senate ratified the Treaty between the Republic of Liberia and the State of Md in Liberia. Now, sir, in conclusion, I beg leave to say that our fellow citizens have been quieted - tranquility pervade every branch of the Government - the citizens are engaged in their several callings - and not disposed to repeat anything like what has past - May heaven seal this determination - and point out to the people at all times the right way, and the kind of men to elevate, who shall never give occasion, or so tempt this or coming generations to broke the peace and hazard the existence of our free Republican Institution: for this I know you will ever pray -

We have peace with the surrounding tribes - the Pahmas tribe living directly amongst are now observing the Sordes day, our streets on that day is quiet - the Law went forth from the Government in Feb last and instantly obeyed - and continued. Agriculture is receiving attention. We are using our best endeavors to settle all differences with our interior natives and open the roads to admit free the trade - and it requires much means. The Legislature met in August & adjourned in Sept.

I have the honor to assure you my high Consideration and the respect of my fellow citizens

B J Drayton.

Governor State Md in Liberia

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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