now acting as agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society,) has kindly proffered a sufficient loan to this government to enable her to tender such assistance to our sister State, as will, it is hoped, once more restore peace, safety and order.

I am confident in the belief, gentlemen, that you will not hesitate to give Governor Drayton's communication as favorable a consideration, as the claims of humanity demand. Considering that they are of our race, and have a common destiny with us; that we emigrated from the same country, with the same objects in view, namely, the establishment of an asylum on this Continent for our oppressed race, and the moral and intellectual improvement of the aborigines; and considering further, gentlemen, that they are our friends, our acquaintances, and our relatives, I am sanguine that you will direct such prompt and judicious action thereon, as will be in perfect consonance with humanity and justice.

I beg to assure you, that it will be very gratifying to me, (though pressed with many other public engagements,) to carry out most promptly such provisions and recommendations as you may authorize; and, upon requisition, I shall feel most happy to impart to the Legislature any further information on the subject, of which I may be in possession, that will tend to assist you in arriving at a just conclusion on the subject.

I have the honor to be your obt. servant,

Stephen A. Douglas

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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