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I am obliged by your favor of yesterday. Mr Mr Lewis doubtless was accurate in ~~their~~ his statements according to our best information but neither of us could know how (exactly) the portions of Agency in this Bill of Mr Bowen are to be allotted, between him & Genl Green. I have a note from Mr Bowen this morning, and I give you the only important passage "I applied (he says) to the Legislature of Maryland for a Charter. Should it be granted, you may make it of vital importance to a colony at or near Lagos, even if your Colony should be a County of Liberia. I will tell you how this may be done when I see you, for I must stop & tell you good bye, as I go home" again "I see little prospects & have no hope, that any thing definite will be done, for Gorman &

PS. Mr Bowen in a pamphlet copy I have seen a letter from a Gentleman in Virginia who proposes to go to Africa and get up three or four thriving colonies, & to labor for the cause of Christianity.

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