Mrs Finnemore says no blackman can be trusted to do our commands - she says we must have white agents & those to go with a Missionary spirit. She says they are all poor - living half the time without bread or meat - & no matter what we provide for them - they will use it themselves & cut short the emigrants rations. She says they stole her good - robbed the dead & actually used to love to have them die to get their goods. Her final remark was that but for the hope of getting out she had rather go to H--l than to Liberia!!!

What shall we do? Sometimes I think - "let them alone" and be content to educate a few for usefulness. I confess - the long talk with Mrs F. brought to mind so many events of 23 years ago & since as to cause some very unpleasant reflections.

I am trying to arrange to go into the country next month & see if I cannot make a raise. There are over 34 families at Cambridge & Porter Mass. entered into mutual written pledge to emigrate next fall.

I hope they will be refused aid or entrance into Liberia except on condition of leaving the coast & going to the Mountains. Will your health & business permit you to come on to N.Y. soon? Hope we shall see you if you come.

Am truly yours

J. B. Pinney

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A. Letter Books

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