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Department of the Interior
Washington, October 11th 1862.

Sir;

I have to inform you that your letter of the 9th instant, adverting to the past operations of the Maryland State Colonization Society and asking pecuniary assistance from the government of the United States in the proposed emigration, the present fall, of free colored persons to Liberia, has been duly received and submitted to the President.

I am directed by the President to say that the receipt of your communication has inspired him with feelings of interest, but that he regrets the absence of any appropriation by Congress applicable to the colonization of the class of persons to whom you refer - those which have been made being confined to free persons of color in the District of Columbia and to those from the States freed under the Confiscation act -

With much respect
Your obt Servant
J. Kennedy
Acting Secretary of the Interior

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