Mr McLane has gone to Chicago to see his family
by night

designs to do, I know not. We urged
nothing on this point on the mind
of the President, but he clearly expressed
a warm interest in Liberia and
African Colonization & would doubtless
with a ~~they have~~ central American Company prove
willing to turn towards Liberia they would
also do. Mr Latrobe declines to act with
the Committee because he judges
that the President has no authority under
the act of Apr 16 1862 to spend a single
dollar for sending Northern free blacks to
Liberia & that the act of July 1862 is
confined to those commonly called Contrabands.

The President's mind is certainly
in a good state to favor our scheme as
far as consistent shall give him the means.

Most truly & respectfully
Your friend
R R Gurley

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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