that would greatly embarrass the operations of the American Colonization Society, should the misunderstanding between Mr Benson & Mr McLain not be entirely removed. —

Even with your view of the matter, as presented in your remarks before our Board, I thought it might do good, to make the inquiry proposed in my resolutions, & that no harm could result from it.

If the inquiry proposed by me was altogether unnecessary, so far as the Liberian Government was concerned, I was confident that it would tend to allay feeling at home; and give us another year to adjust matters.

Without mentioning any names, I am satisfied, that there was a desire on the part of some of our Board to remove our friend McLain from his office, on the ground of his lack of courtesy, in conducting his correspondence; and this desire was probably strengthened in the minds of one or two, by other considerations. —

By adopting the resolutions presented by me, the Board have manifested the greatest respect possible towards the Liberian authorities, at the same time they have acted with justice towards their own agents both in Liberia & at home. —

As soon as I can I will prepare a letter to President Benson, & send it

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A. Letter Books

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