more formal shape. On receipt of your last favor we closed the sale with our party who had become impatient to know if he was to have it or not. Had as our only desire is to consult Mr Washington's interest we will continue to abrogate the sale if you can do better for him than we can. The offer made Mr W. thought was 7cts per lb. the Ammoniac having no value here but for the manufacture of a kind of sizing or gum; and after much effort and trouble we (in the case of the consignment referred to) were scarcely able to find but one purchaser for it even at this price. Ammoniac is a drug in the market here and even the finer qualities can scarcely be sold at any price. Our choice was to take this offer or to store the lot at some risk of spoiling for an indefinite time. We believed it better to sell, and Mr Washington seemed to be of the same opinion in regard to his lot, though of course he would have liked to do better. If you can do so for him, we have no objection to leave it in your hands. If on the contrary you agree with us that it had better be sold, we will cheerfully guarantee you against any after liability to Mr Washington and will accept at 30 days for the amount $215 due you. Please reply at once as you perceive we stand committed to the buyer who is now expecting the goods. Yours very truly Roberts & Ellis

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

16. January 1868--November 1871
September 1872 (1)