Baltimore, Nov 8th 1856

Lt Robt. B. Pitts Esq
U.S. Navy -

Dear Sir, Your favor of the 6th was this morning received. I cannot but regret that your attention was not called to the matter of this Ship sooner, as much good would doubtless have resulted from your early preparation. A Master has been appointed already & been some nearly in the discharge of his duties in preparing the Ship for sea. And I doubt if the Exec. Com. of the Am. Colon. Soc. who appointed him, would yet authorize such any change however desirable. I cannot help repeating my expression of regret that the Society cannot avail itself of your services, even the name of a naval commander in charge of the Ship would have been of great advantage -

I am very respectfully Your obt. Servt
Henry Clay