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My dear Sir. Having occasion to be in this city engaged in shipping Sundry articles by the Brig about to sail for Liberia. I embrace the opportunity to address you. I would say officially, but as yet I have not the sanction of the Board of Managers of the Society for what I write, but I expect to by a Mandate more respectable. Hospitably — You are aware of the condition of our country our State & our city, & will the fact not be surprising to learn that our Society, by Stand the force of circumstances every thing else. Disorganized, suspension, suspension & I might say, for the present, ~~[illegible]~~ — For the that our State appropriation Second years since, Exhausted a contingent balance for emigrants actually leaving the State. Our supplies has been entirely exhausted, & on arrival home, from England in Aug. I found the treasury empty, & that the Society, in my absence, had been absolutely at Bank drawing hundreds dollars to meet Opts for our Liberia Office — The State of the country is such, that funds, even to keep the office expenses can scarcely be raised now, & of the future no one can predict. Certainly not hopefully —

I have endeavored in various ways to get a meeting of the Board to devise what course to pursue — & I yet hope to effect this at last. & then will give you the result of their action. I seriously regret however that I should give you this information of the condition of our affairs, that no more Opts may

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