Baltimore May 7th 1862

Rev'd R.R. Gurley

My dear Sir, I regret this you took the trouble to write a letter of explanation to an episode in mine to Mr McLain — I understood all about it at a glance when Mr. Latrobe one of the Res. of the State Coloniz. in Oct or Nov.

I presumed you knew I was opposed to the establishments of New Settlements & did not wish to hear what would be unpleasant & unasked advice —

You say there is room enough for the efforts of all in the Civilization of Africa. &c That is true but we the Am. Col. Society, can, or is not big enough to fill the little corner of Liberia —

This is a thing — and until the Ga. Society — officially rejects our operations there, amounting in the Treaty, I think we are bound to concentrate all our efforts & our means upon improving & strengthening that Republic which more have been more instrumental in founding or promote in providing there yourself —

When you shall have succeeded in sending some five hundred emigrants thither, & learn the distraction of one or two of our feeble settlements & worldness of its people, send them under pledge of security from us — which event all who know their condition, consider likely to occur which strengthened, — How will you settle the account? I speak from strong conviction & strong feelings on the subject, but I hope not offensively —

Very truly Yours Yours Ull

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