Baltimore March 24th 1859

Rev. J. R. R. Gurley.

Dear Sir. I really think we ought to do our to engage Mr McDonough's people to go N.O. I talked with Mr Meyer about it when here, but he was not then prepared to act.

If Mr McLain is sure to go by N.O. I would by all means leave the business for him to attend to on the Spot. I have a good Ship Master who has done business for me most satisfactorily but it would be much better to have Mr McLain act. There is so much chiseling in New Orleans transactions that it seems to me I would rather take off a respectable house to act N.Y. & hold her for this port to help pay Expenses, & then send her to Liberia — It would be decidedly the Cheapest way to have them meet the Ship there —

Just note the U.S. Laws about transportation passengers respecting &c you will see that the provisions or Stores are most onerous — Instead of 7 or 8 feet between decks are required & 144 & 18 superficial feet of the lower deck for each Emigrant. &c. &c. The vessel must be double decked. & of course over 500 Tons. Now such a vessel cannot be chartered for less than Six thousand dollars for her pretty on an average; & possibly ten will be required in N.Y. Among the lower is much less particular in Coast wise vessels &c. being of 200 or 300 tons & [illegible]

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

III. Correspondence Sent
B. Letter Press Books, Shipping

2. December 1858—May 1860

1859