freedom to the slave; irrespective of consequences and death to colonization - in the hope that the freed slave having no rights and extirpation on the soil being impossible in this Christian age - the only other alternative, amalgamation, would find favor with the white population But, we here, know that this is out of the question, and that the alternatives which really present themselves, are colonization or extermination - and we know that the latter grows in probability in proportion as the disparity in numbers of the two races diminishes.

I have thus written a long letter, when I was only called upon to acknowledge the Boards sense of your efforts in behalf of their cause - those efforts have already assured me that the trespass I have committed on your time, will find its apology in your kindness.

I am, dear Sir,
With great respect
Very truly yours
Jno. H. B. Latrobe
Prest Md. St. Col. Soc.

Colonization Rooms.
Balt. July 28th 1841.

Coleman Yellott Esq.
Dear Sir,

Presuming upon the interest which we in common feel in the subject of African Colonization I am going to take the liberty of asking your cooperation in the getting up of a fall expedition to Cape Palmas.

The Society has so far reduced its obligations that it will be able this fall to send from 100 to 150 emigrants to the colony, if they can be, procured; and to procure them trouble must be taken. The regular agents of the Society will be busily at work in the matter: but they will not be able to do much unless their efforts are aided by our friends in the several counties - and indeed gentlemen not in the service of the society of themselves do more than the agents - Now, cannot you do something for us in Harford. All plans depend for execution upon a very few - who are willing to give personal effort to carry them out; and I have thought that you were one of those upon whom reliance for the sort of effort wanted may be placed - Turn the subject over, and let us know whether there can be any emigrants obtained in your county between this and the sailing of the vessel about

the 20th November next. I would be much pleased to hear from you at an early day, and if you cannot take an active part would be very glad to have any suggestions that may occur to you.

Yours very truly and respt.
Jno. H. B. Latrobe
Prest. Md. St. Col. Society

Colonization Rooms
Balt. Sept. 2d 1841.

Revd. Jas. L. Pitts
My dear Sir,

Yours of yesterday duly received, and although I regret that your business still delays you - both on your account and ours, you must not suppose that the delay will interpose a barrier to the relations we proposed establishing between you and the State Society - when you do come we shall be very glad to see you, and I hope that the zeal and enthusiasm, which I know you must, soon, if you do not now, feel, in the cause, will meet with the success which is so vital to us at this time.

The terms upon which the society propose to engage your services for them, are, $1000 per annum, and your travelling expenses. With regard to these last it is not possible to assign any limit - they are such expenses as you incur while engaged in labor for the Society; and the confidence felt in you prevents any anticipation of their being unnecessarily large. It would be far preferable that you should reside in Baltimore: but this is not at present a sine quâ non - the experience of the some months will enable the Society to judge how far this rule may be dispensed with should you find it necessary to remain in Frederick as home. The agreement to be from year to year, unless either party should see fit to terminate it sooner by giving three months notice to the other. The duties to be performed will be the canvassing of the State with a view to the collection of funds and the diffusion of information among the people - all - and the immediate purpose is to obtain means to build the "Cape Palmas Packet". It is thought a permanent situation may be got - and to this attention is to be directed. In canvassing the State your discretion is relied upon, and your operations are not to be interfered with by other agents.

In thus extending their responsibilities the Society are justified by what they hope as to results. In this, your own confidence is a strong corroborating circumstance - and I earnestly pray, and indeed

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