W. Meade Addison

My dear Sir On the return of the agent of the Colonization Society Dr Wells from his late visit to Frederick I was informed by him how seriously & usefully you had aided him & it is on the strength of his report that I take liberty of writing to you that if possible I may add to your zeal by assuring you that there never was a time in the history of our cause in Maryland in which it was more needed.

We require the active co-operations of all our friends now on two accounts. 1. The increase of our colony has brought increased expenditure upon us and to meet this our reliance must in a great degree be upon our friends. 2. We think the time is arrived when the film is beginning to fall from the eyes of ~~our friends~~ the people of colour. They are turning their attention we believe to a new home where they will be relieved from the influences which oppress them energise here, and, disappointed in the schemes of Canada & the West Indies, are now, we trust, making up their minds in favour of removal to Africa. & Colonization which promotes it is at length finding favour with them.

We at all event find a larger number of persons of colour who are willing to emigrate to Cape Palmas than we expected to, & to facilitate their removal considerable addition to our funds are necessary. Besides money we want activity among friends. A general interest among the whites on any subject creates a corresponding interest among the free people of colour.

In this last of our wants, all may aid us. & I earnestly hope you will find in this ~~[illegible]~~ noble cause so much to interest you that you will make it a subject of constant attention.

I am dear Sir truly
Your friend
John H B Latrobe
Pres. Md St. Col. Soc.
June 1st 1843

To Mrs Duncan
Pres. of the Ladies Society of Phila.
for promoting Education in Africa.

Balto. Aug 29th 1843

My dear Madam

At the death of Mr Allegre the first teacher of the Ladies School at Cape Palmas, the Rev. Geo R. McGill was appointed to fill the vacancy & he is believed mainly upon the recommendation of information given of the Board of Managers of the Md St Col. Society. Recent advices from Cape Palmas disclose the painful fact that Mr McGill in the formation of a disreputable matrimonial connexion has separated himself from his children & their families, & placed himself in a position to his church which obliges the latter to expel him. Under these circumstances the duty of the managers of the State Society is to inform the Ladies Society of the facts & to withdraw the recommendation which was formerly given.

Should the Ladies Society determine to remove Mr McGill as their teacher, it is very probable that an intelligent person could be obtained in Pittsburgh in lieu for the fall expedition.

I have the honor to be with profound respect
John H. B. Latrobe Pres.

Colonization Rooms
Baltimore, Sept. 23d 1843.

Messrs. Sidney E. Morse & Co
Editors of the N. Y. Observer
Gentlemen,

In the last number of the Colonization Journal there is an article from the pen of Dr J. T. McGill the coloured physician of Maryland in Liberia, the purpose of which is to shew the Christianizing influences of the colonists even when not professors of religion may at times exercise upon the Heathen around them.

We, as a Society, have perhaps felt a little sore at the constant reiterations of the unfounded allegation, that our colony instead of assisting, as we humbly hoped

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