I note what you say about our Society uniting with the Am. Col. So. – I would have the latter represents Liberia, which will be the case, if Liberia confederates – the State Society then limiting themselves to aiding in transportation &c only. So you see I am not unprepared for your suggestion, and have no purpose at all antagonistical to the Am. Col. Socty, which, on the contrary I would elevate and aggrandize now.

The Board heard with much satisfaction what you had to say in regard to the influence of the Colony in the Sancy Wood matter, and commend the promptitude with which you made the available – and the measures that you adopted. They hail too, with much pleasure, the prospect of King Freeman's removal at last. Your hints in regard to the dash shall not be overlooked when I hear from him. No letter has, as yet, been received. Denah is an important point on the river – and the path between it and Cape Palmas should be straight and broad. I was glad to hear, that Simleh Balla was alive. We are both older than when, long years since, he staid at my house in Baltimore.

The Board have spoken plainly to the Colonists in the accompanying despatch. By the middle of next year – no matter what their political condition, the Colonists, as there stated will be on their own resources. The Board are firm here – and so should the Colonists understand. I do not see, now all the details of separation – but they will be most liberal. Of this you may be assured. – The Society will probably have a fiscal Agent, only, on the Coast to disburse for them, there – giving up trade as a business, – and leaving to individual competition the whole ~~trade~~ field. We trust a clever man may be sent out to treat with us. The occasion is an interesting one. But we desire the blessings of the Colonists – and our parting in our political relations, shall not mar the good opinions expressed to us so often in all our letters from Africa.

I believe, I have thus gone over the whole matters of present interest – The commercial details will be attended to as usual by Dr. Hall, – and expressing to you, again,

the gratification felt by the Board at your continuing in Office, and their high sense of your services, I remain

Dear Sir,
Your most Obt. Servt. & friend
Jno. H. B. Latrobe
President

Dr. S. F. McGill.

My dear Doctor

The present Expedition takes out the monument to the memory of Governor Ruspurum and the Board have especially directed me to write to you in regard to it – that the sending of it out to the Colony may not be looked upon as a matter of mere routine, – and now too, a matter of careless indifference – Indeed the occasion renewed in the Board the regret which they felt at the loss of one so true and so valued.

I am Dr Sir
With great respect
Jno. H. B. Latrobe
Prest. Md. St. Col. So.

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