Salisbury, Sept. 28th 1832

Dear Sir, Your favour of the 18th instant was duly rec.d, and has been laid before the Board of Managers of this Society.—

In it, you say, in reference to James Price, the person whom we wish to send to Liberia for the purpose of returning &c. that "the Board of State Managers have been compelled to decline appropriating any part of the public fund towards defraying the Expense of such a Mission in consequence of their having received so many similar applications from other parts of the state."— In the same paragraph, you further mention, "that the Board has neither the power nor the inclination to throw any obsta=cles in the way of the return from Liberia" &c.— also, in the same paragraph, you say, "It is presumed that there will be no difficulty in their [our] raising pecu=niary means enough to insure the speedy return of their [our] Agent."—

There appears to be some ambiguity in the before mentioned paragraph of your letter,— Permit me to ask,— are we to understand you to say, "that the Board of State Managers decline appropriating any portion of their funds towards defraying the Expense of such a mission both going to and returning from Liberia?"— or that they only decline paying the Expenses from Liberia of our agent?— Will you please inform us whether or not the Board of State managers will defray the Expense of sending out such a person to the African Coast, when his Express object is to return to the United States?— If you will defray the Expense of sending him out, we will raise funds sufficient to bring him in.—

Will you also please inform us whether the vessel taking the Emigrants out, will be under the direction of the parent society in returning to the U. States, or under the direction of the owners, and subjecting

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