St Marys Co. Md — 17th Nov: 1832

Gentlemen,

The bearer Stephen starts for the City of Baltimore, and wishes to place himself under your protection for to Emigrate to Liberia. Stephen has lived with me for the last four years, is of a good Disposition, and is considered to be very Religious, and great Confidence is placed in him as to his honesty and veracity — he has many friends, acquaintancy & Relations in this County who place Reliance on any thing he tells them — they all wish to follow him to Liberia, but they have doubts; they say "if they can only be certain that if Stephen lands on the Shores of Liberia they will certainly follow him" I think through you the doubts of these with many more in this County, can be removed — first if Stephen is pleased with the Colony, let him have the privalege of writing to me to that effect by the Return of the Ship, which letter will be Directed to your care in Baltimore, you will then send it on to me St Marys Co. Leonard Town, this letter when received will be read to hundreds of the free People of Colour, and I doubt not but that many of them will Emigrate next fall, please give him any Instruction you think proper to the above intent — you may be certain that I shall not be slack in doing my part in so laudable a purpose as I think it to be —

Yours with the best wishes on your Labors for Peace and freedom

Benjamin Tippett

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