me to state a few facts which come within my own personal knowledge. Some time since a distinguished and influential member of the Board of Managers of the American Col. Society in Washington wrote to a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church to know if he would act as their Agent in Liberia. In consequence of some difficulties presented by the individual himself, he was not appointed to fill that station; but the Board of managers to manifest their respect for his character, and their own impartiality, voluntarily and officially tendered him the appointment of superintendant of Agriculture, education and the moral institutes generally of the Colony of Liberia with a higher salary than they gave their agent. In consequence of previous engagements, and other considerations he did not accept the appointment

The Md. State Col. Society have already given a satisfactory explanation of the impartial and liberal course which they have pursued. They have however, and no doubt from motives of honorable delicacy, forborne to mention one fact which under existing circumstances should be known - viz their local Agent and their assistant Agent to reside in Africa, are both ministers in the Methodist Episcopal church; and I do hope that if they, or either of them are found incompetant to discharge the important duties entrusted to them; or if they wilfully neglect at any time to promote the best interest of the Society here, and the Colony in Africa, that they will be forthwith discharged and the appointments given to others more competant and more worthy without respect to names or parties. If I did not believe that the Board of Managers in Baltimore would continue to be governed by high and honorable principles of justice and impartiality in discharging the important duties which devolve on them, I would not act under their direction.

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