Rev. Ira A. Easton Baltimore October 31st 1835

Sir

Having for many years seen the great necessity of dividing our coloured population from the whites, I am happy to see that you have commenced that great work, & have no doubt, with a great deal of industry & perseverance, you will be able to pave a road for that injured race of people, that time cannot destroy. I will assure you Sir that I feel a great deal of interest in your association, though I have not the acquaintance of your honorable board, & would not for a moment attempt to intrude my views on a society so well acquainted with their own business, & should not have troubled you with my views, if I did not believe that your interests might be promoted by different arrangements out doors.

I have noticed the disadvantage you labour under in hiring vessels for your emigrants - You can hardly ever make them comfortable without a great deal of expence, As you have strange vessels & captains every times, you are all the time learning them, & the two interests often clash, which makes it very unpleasant to your committee & sometimes unpopular to your cause - I would strongly recommend you to have a vessel entirely under your controul, you could then hold officers responsible, & have such as would be of great service to you, & thus make your passengers comfortable which is a great consideration -

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