That success will attend our efforts is not doubtful. Colonization contains within itself the elements of its perpetuity. It is promotive of the best interests of man, and the glory of America requires it — and Africa is adorned without it. We may calculate therefore on the approbation and blessing of Heaven. It commends itself to the virtuous and the good — therefore we shall have "the prayers of the righteous." Statesmen must be sensible of its importance and lend their aid — and the day cannot be distant when the whole community will unite for its accomplishment.

As stated above, I have visited fifteen counties of this state — have addressed several thousand of people — have had personal intercourse with several hundreds — and, in all my journeyings have seen but four white persons, avowedly opposed to colonization. That there are others I doubt not; but they have not under any circumstances signified their opposition to me. I have conversed freely with ministers of different denominations — they are our fast and decided friends, and I have not called on one who has not promised to cooperate by making his congregation acquainted with the subject, and by taking up collections for us — and, so far as practicable, aiding in obtaining emigrants. The membership of the different denominations are also our friends — so that we have the moral and religious influence of the state. I have also had intercourse with men of different political parties and find them entirely disposed to sustain the cause. It is true some have said we do not go fast enough. The ladies too are with us, some of our best friends are in their ranks — and it will soon be seen that the ladies too are coming. Upon all the circumstances, we are called upon to go forward — right forward.

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IV. Miscellaneous Letters and Minutes

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