permit me to suggest the importance of employing a person as soon as one can be obtained, an additional traveling agent. The whole State should be canvassed, and colonization societies organized as soon as possible; the circulation of the paper ought also to be increased. That these matters may receive due attention the services of two agents will be required. In addition, the obtaining of emigrants is of first importance. The time has come when to slacken our efforts would be suicidal. Whether we go forward or remain idle, whether we wake or slap Abolitionism (our antagonist) remits not for an hour. If the Board consider me worthy of their confidence and capable of promoting their cause I shall certainly do all I can to gratify their expectations. but there are objects beyond the attainment of man. The Annual Conference of the M. E. Church will commence its session in this City in all next week, and would, in all probability supply us with a suitable agent appointed by that body if application were made. This would, in my judgement, be an important measure, as it would carry with it the combined influence of that whole Church — certainly of more importance than to our cause, than any other in this State.

Were it not for the strong opposition with which we have to contend I should have no hesitancy in saying to the Mayor R.R.K. that we might calculate with confidence on at least ~~forty~~ eighty or an hundred emigrants for the Spring expedition as matters are there is no certainty. I shall be greatly disappointed however if Maryland does not furnish from fifty to seventy only, but services have been given to the cause. It is not with man to command success. My anxious solicitude has been to deserve it.

Many colored persons, to whom emigration there is no apparent obstacle, have assured me they will go off in the Spring, and at least one hundred gentlemen have promised

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