To the Board of Managers of the Maryland Colonization Society

Gentlemen

In consequence of an application yet lying upon your table from Josiah Gould to obtain your permission to locate himself at Cape Palmas for the purpose of trade — and deeply impressed with the importance to the colony itself of having a commercial establishment there — I respectfully call your attention to the highly important fact — that it would establish a more frequent communication with the colonists, a point of the first moment almost — for "out of sight out of mind" is so true in their case — that the deepest interest in their affairs is always evinced on the arrival and departure of vessels to or from the coast — and the public mind will be more alive to it as the subject is in this way more or less often brought before them — Another advantage is the assortment of goods that would be kept there relieving the board of managers of much trouble in that way and from loss on old stock etc the enterprise of private individuals united with their interest would insure to the colonists those articles of immediate necessity which would be required, also trade goods for the natives to a greater extent than the society would supply

an advantage also to the Colonist to dispose of his surplus produce which is all important as a stimulant to enterprise

an advantage also by even tending to promote the views of the board in making it an agricultural colony by

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