the preceding are some of the reasons ~~for~~ why it would be advantageous to the Colony many others will doubtless suggest themselves to your minds — that it would be as much to the individual may well be questioned — as he asks no Monopoly — no advantage no preffrence. but only the priveledge of residing there and the countenance and protection of the Society so far as that would give it to him — any services would be cheerfully rendered at all times in aid of the Society agents. — but if it were wished that there should be some official connection it might be merely nominal

having been a resident for many years on the coast he is familiar with the wants of the natives — perfectly acclimated — upwards of forty years of age — bred a merchant and of large experience of good education and great capabilities. —

the Colonists so far from being jealous — we have the opinion of Capt Hall (the late agent) that they earnestly desire it and that they are keen enough to proffit by an example set them where anything is to be made by it — finaly what might be objected to as a general measure. would be politic as an experiment — a grant of land for a plantation to cultivate the mulberry for silk worms and for other experiments in agriculture would be desirable — I know not that he would avail himself of the priviledge but as he intends locating somewhere out there he wishes me to obtain it for him

respectfully your Obt Servt

Baltimore 24th Oct 1837 James Gould

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