It is hereby agreed between Oliver Holmes, Junior, and the Maryland State Colonization Society that the said Oliver Holmes will embark in the Brig Fortune, as special agent of the said Society to superintend while on board, the emigrants sent by the Society's colony at Cape Palmas in said Brig, and after the arrival of said Brig at said Colony the said Oliver Holmes is to act as the assistant of Dr James Hall, the present governor thereof, giving his time and abilities to the advancement of the interest of said Colony according to the laws thereof & the directions of the said Governor, and the instructions or orders of said Society. In the absence of the said Hall, the said Holmes, unless hereafter otherwise directed, to perform the duties of governor. For all which services on the part of the said Holmes to be rendered, the said Society agree to provide him ~~on~~ his passage to and from the said Colony, free of expense, and to pay him at the rate of six hundred dollars per annum, commencing on the first of December 1835. It being understood that the said Holmes is to remain at least six months in said Colony health permitting, and not in any event to leave the said Colony without the permission of another white agent, unless by consent of said Society. health permitting.

In testimony whereof the said Oliver Holmes has hereto set his hand, the Society's local agent signing the same on behalf of the said Society. this seventeenth day of December 1835.

Witness —
Edw.d N. Carter.

Oliver Holmes Jr.
Ira A. Easter
Agent Md. State Col.n Soc.y

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VI. Financial Records
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