place of their permanent residence, — in which event they will accompany the other two families & be here on Sunday evening. — I contracted with the Captain of the Steam Boat to pay him One Dollar & twenty five cents for each person, he furnishing them two meals on the passage. — I also conditionally contracted with him for a supper & lodging on Board one night for twelve & 1/2 cents each, should it not be convenient to remove them on Sunday evening. —

Mr. Gordon's letter (inclosed) contains a suggestion which I have no doubt your Board will maturely consider. — Should David & his sister Priscilla, after all that has been done to promote their welfare, still ~~and~~ obstinately refuse to leave the County, would it not be an act of great mercy on the part of your Board, to bind ~~out~~ their children out to Mr. Gordon until they are of sufficient age to act for themselves? There are fourteen fine sprightly intelligent looking boys & girls from Eighteen years of age down to five; ~~also~~ does not the 6th section of the act give your Board authority to hire them out, or to bind them for a valuable consideration?

Indeed it seems to me that the factious nature gives your Board authority not only to hire out the children, but also their parents. ~~to~~ If I am right, I would most respectfully suggest that as the best course (for the sake of the children) which can be taken. — In one year or less they will all have heard from those who are going out to the colony & will then become anxious enough to join them. —

The distance from Annapolis to Dorchester without permitted my reaching there until Friday afternoon. — Saturday until about 5 o'clock in the afternoon was spent with the emancipated blacks — I left about 5 o'clock that evening & travelled nearly 25 miles to get to a large meeting in Princess Anne, which gave me the opportunity on Sunday to address them on Colonization. The same evening at 5 o'clock I met a very large congregation of blacks at the same meeting house, and addressed them with good effect. It is true none of the free among them appear to go out this spring — but I have reason to believe that many of them will be ready to go in the fall — They are all slaves & farmers & cannot get off until late in October — I have promised the gentlemen of the County to make them a visit soon for the purpose of canvassing that County

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