against it. Still let me give that faithful and true attention to these souls of thine, that I would do were the whole success unfolded to my view, and sure. For, oh Lord, hast thou not given me from the first, yea, before communication from heart to heart had fanned this holy work into visible flame, to bear this burden, and stir up my soul to redress the injuries of this depressed people. If in tender mercy, to humble me for my many transgressions, I am not permitted to do what I desire, O Lord, fulfil thy gracious promises in thine own way: what am I that I should despond?

"As David prepared materials for Solomon his son to build a house to thy name, and as he said, 'behold in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the Lord,' so let thine handmaid, O Lord, prepare this family to become a house to thy name in the land of their forefathers, and do thou put into the souls of my children thy fear, that they may build them up as a sanctuary to thy glory, that they may go and possess the good land, and leave it for an inheritance to their children after them throughout all generations. Teach my children to do this great work with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. Let them not forsake thee, lest thou cast them off for ever. Enable me to say to them when I am about to depart—as David said to Solomon his son—'Be strong and of good courage and do it. Fear not, nor be dismayed, for the Lord God even my God will be with you—He will not fail you nor forsake you—Blessed be thou O Lord God for ever and ever.'—And, O Lord, keep this in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of this people, and prepare their heart unto thee, and give unto my children a perfect heart to do all this thing, for the which I have made provision."

The following was prepared in extreme bodily weakness, with the intention, as it appeared, of having it read to such, as at the time, she did not expect to live to see emancipated.

As yet, God has only given the Bible to a portion of the world, but it is fast spreading among all nations, and kindreds, and tongues, and the glorious day will soon arrive, when the whole human race shall know the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Redeemer—when his name will be sung from the hills and valleys, and every sound from every voice tell of the goodness of the Lord.

"The Bible which foretells this, commands all 'to do unto others as they as they would that others should do unto them.' This has made me see that slavery is not a state wherein we can obey the law of love, and blessed be God, many others see it as well as myself.

"Your settlement in the land from which your fathers were brought, has been a plan cherished almost as my life, that you might not remain in a land where Providence as yet, has opened no way for you to enjoy equal rights, were you nominally free, where freedom is only a name. If you knew all that I have endured to preserve justice and comfort among you in all things that lay in my power, you would have wept for me; but the gracious Lord supported me, and enabled me to go in my labours for you thus far; and now I go the way of all flesh—but the cares I have had for you, I wish to leave impressed upon your souls and the souls of my children, that they may be co-workers with God in colonizing you in that land where great blessings await you and your posterity."

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"Nothing is more clearly written in the Book of Destiny, than the Emancipation of the Blacks; and it is equally certain that the two races will never live in a state of equal freedom under the same government, so insurmountable are the barriers which nature, habit and opinion have established between them." JEFFERSON.

We commenced the last number of our Journal with an apology for its over-tardy appearance in consequence of our protracted indisposition. We were obliged to borrow at least half of the month of September for August, and although but a short period has elapsed since our last issue, our present number verges hard upon October. Our indisposition still continues, so that we are obliged to make up our Journal almost altogether with foreign articles, being unable to write except by an amaunensis. Many of the articles however, we conceive, will be of special interest to our Maryland readers. "The Colony of Liberia, from the Liberia Herald," which we have commenced in this number, will show how fair, dispassionate coloured men treat the subject on that side of the water. It contains much valuable statistic information, and many good common sense remarks and suggestions.

"How it strikes a Disinterested Person" is also worth reading; not as containing any thing new, but to keep in mind what has been so often repeated. As it struck this "*disinterested person*" so it has struck thousands, many of whom have thus too, born public testimony, and still men are found base enough to slander not only the colonization institution, but to detract from the well-earned reputation of these pioneers of civilization and christianity, in that wilderness of heathenism and darkness—Western Africa.

The two extracts from foreign papers containing the views of Lord Aberdeen and Sir Robert Peel with regard to the suppression of the slave trade show at once great discrepancy of opinion between these two eminent men with regard to this subject, and the almost complete inefficiency of all measures yet adopted by the British government for the suppression of this traffic. Two ways only remain for the consummation of this desirable event, either of which will prove effective, and none other can—either belt the Coast with colonies of civilized coloured men such as the American emigrants in Liberia, or destroy the demand and market for the slave, by treaties with Spain and Brazil, and enforcing the honourable bona fide performance of the same. There never was a more absurd undertaking projected by man than that of blockading that part of the continent of Africa in which the slave trade has been prosecuted, consisting, (including the Eastern and Western Coast,) of over 4,000 miles of sea-board, almost

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