and provision can be made to promote the further advancement, both of new Colonists, and of the older citizens of the Republic, by other Associations or individuals, the better will the work of all be done.

From the earliest foundation of the Colony at Liberia, all of its friends have agreed in recommending a devotion to Agricultural pursuits, as most eminently calculated to promote its prosperity. And surely nothing will better stimulate the advancement of Agriculture, than an abundant supply, at reasonable rates, of the best labor saving implements.

Feb. 9th. 1861.

CHARLES HOWARD.

Pres. Md. State Col. Society.

New York, January 31, 1861.

Dear Sir,—I have your letter of the 29th this morning, and thank you for the information.

Your proposed "Agricultural Implement Society," to be formed in Liberia, will, if efficient, meet a great want, and prove a great benefit to Liberia. To develope the latent agricultural resources of the country demands a supply of implements at moderate prices, and of the most improved quality. A branch of the Society, or an Agency for it should be established in every county. While I have favored hitherto the supply of Sugar Mills, Steel Hoes, Spades and cutlasses, &c. by the Colonization Society from its store, it was simply because such a supply could not be depended on from any other source. If you succeed in forming such an Association, with adequate capital, our Society will be relieved from the burthen, and the Liberians will have taken one more step in practical self support and independence.

Yours truly,

J. B. Pinney.
Cor. Sec. New York Colonization Society.

Colonization Rooms, Philadelphia, Feb. 6th, 1861.

My Dear Sir,—Yours of the 4th instant came to hand last evening. The wisdom of the course you propose to pursue cannot be doubted. The importance of introducing tools, machinery and steam into Liberia, is too manifest to need more than a reference to satisfy any intelligent mind. What, it may be asked, would have been the condition of our own interior country, but for the aid of implements used in the departments of agriculture, manufactures and mining? Certainly, vastly different from what it is now; and so with Liberia, with these adjuncts, civilization will go on apace. They will emphatically hasten on the work of arousing the minds of the natives of that land, greatly increase the usefulness of the citizen emigrants in their new home, and powerfully promote the comfort and prosperity of the entire community.

The mode has also my cordial approval. It would be well not to make grants by way of charity, but to loan or sell upon easy terms of payment—not to exceed the actual cost, expense and interest on means involved, of each article

With the experience of the United States before us, every friend of Africa, as it seems to me, must concur in the policy of hastening the noble cause in which we are engaged, by such proper and efficient means.

The Pennsylvania Colonization Society has for years acted on this conviction. It made a loan of \$600 to a Saw Mill Company at Buchanan, and \$2000 to a large party, composed of residents of this State, who emigrated to the Junk region in 1853. Our esteemed President, John P. Crozer, Esq., also urged a somewhat similar course by the National Society, at the January, 1860, meeting of the Board of Directors.

With every kind wish for the success of the scheme proposed, and for your own prosperity, I am, very truly and with great regard,

Your obedient servant.

WM. COPPINGER, Treas. P. C. S.

Baltimore, February 6th, 1861.

My Dear Sir,—I most decidedly and cordially approve of the views which you have shown me, relative to an Agricultural Organization in Liberia.

Yours truly,

WM. CRANE.

[EXTRACT.]

New York, Feb. 2, 1861.

Dear Sir,—I have yours of 31st ult. and notice your plan of supplying the Liberians with Agricultural Implements at cost. It would no doubt be very convenient for the people there, and a general benefit.

would be happy to hear further from you on the subject.
Yours truly,
H. M. Schieffelin.

PHILADELPHIA, January 31, 1861.

Dear Sir,—I highly approve of the suggestion of forming a Society for supplying Liberia with Agricultural Implements at a cheap rate, to those who may have the means of purchasing them for cash—or to sell on a limited credit—or in certain cases, to donate to enterprising and industrious emigrants who may not be able to purchase. In this way the resources of Liberia, and of Africa, may be developed, the industry of the emigrants encouraged, and a great impetus given to the prosperity of the Republic.

Yours, very truly,

BENJ. COATES.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1, 1861.

Dear Sir,—Would it not be advisable to offer Agricultural Implements as premiums at the Annual State Fair in Liberia? It strikes me that Sugar Mills, Coffee Shellers, Cotton Gins, Plows, Cultivators, &c. would excite more interest, and competition, than their value in money. Say for the first premiums,—while the second or third can be in some article of less value, or in money. A Cotton Press ought to be established in Liberia as soon as it can be. I highly approve of your object, and think that the organization of a Society such as you propose, cannot fail to prove of great benefit to the people of Liberia—to the race—and to the world.

Yours, very truly,

BENJ. COATES.

My Dear Sir,—No one interested in the progressive growth of Liberia and of the African races in its vicinity, can do otherwise than rejoice in the purpose you have in view in regard to a supply of Agricultural Implements for the benefit of the Colonists. The only possible objection to the plan is the difficulty of managing such a Society or Agency so as to prevent loss on the one hand and to give adequate stimulus on the other. This I doubt not may be done by vigilant and active watchfulness and by calling out the activity and enterprise of the people in Liberia, by a joint stock Company or in some other way which shall combine both their interest and their benevolent and their patriotic feelings. I doubt not much good may be effected.

Wishing that every success may attend the enterprise.

I am most truly, yours, &c.

JOHN WHEELER, Prest. Vt. Col. Society.

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