delay; Since the preparatory measures for the first Step in this great enterprize, the institution of a mission to the Southwestern Coast of Africa, to explore the ground, and seek out a Suitable Situation for the establishment of the Colony, are not yet I believe entirely Completed.

So far as depends on the Baltimore Society, these measures have thus far succeeded very happily. The Society has rapidly increased its members, the Subscription has been very general, and in many instances liberal, and measures have I understand been adopted, with good prospect of success, for extending the operation over the whole State, by establishing auxiliary Societies in every County, and every Considerable Town. Thus much in answer to your enquiries, about the aid to be expected from Baltimore. I now proceed to the other and more important point, the manner of carrying the general plan into effect.

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But although you confine your request to the communication of my ideas, concerning the manner and means of accomplishing this great design, it will not I trust be improper or unseasonable, to throw out by way of preface and introduction, some hints on its usefulness and practicability, which have long engaged my attention, and are susceptible I think of very full proof. To many, and especially to you, this I know is quite unnecessary: but great numbers of our Country men, including many persons of good sense Considerable influence and the best intentions, may have serious doubts on these two points, which it is of great importance to remove, in order to gain their zealous co-operation. Towards the attainment of so desirable an object I wish to contribute my mite, for which this seems to be a fit occasion.

In reflecting on the utility of a plan for colonizing the free people of Colour,

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