to the three managers of the State funds or the

free col^d people & unemployed slaves to emigrate, ~~to the~~ a spirit or two that the State Society can send out, the interests of the counties are to form societies in every district, and let them be instructed by them in their duties of patriotic zeal, to work with the spirit they can elicit, & they please employ, the efforts of the abolitionists that now thwart the agent and make in one day what he has accomplished the day before, would be paralyzed, and an emigration from Maryland to Africa would take place like that from Ireland & Germany to America, until the broad bright fields, which are now ~~groaning in~~ wasting under the members of the mongrel population described by ~~you~~ the author of the address, would again give forth their treasures in rich & luxuriant profusion. ~~[illegible]~~ & ~~this~~ it may not be generally understood, but it is believed to be the fact that it is owing to the efforts of abolition, the more dangerous because secret, that every difficulty is formed in inducing the free colored people of the State no longer to emigrate to Liberia, there to enjoy a well regulated liberty, with every opportunity of moral political & pecuniary aggrandisement.

In the early periods of the settlement at Cape Palmas the double attitude of Europe may have rendered it inexpedient to push emigration to it. Now, there can be no difficulty on this head; and it is hoped, that the law of 1831 may be fully enforced, by additional legislation if necessary, but especially by the cooperating spirit and feeling of the people.

The length of this communication, my dear sir, requires an apology which can only be found in your liberal sentiments, and good will to aids every thing that tends to lift the curtain in plain colours before your readers. It is again repeated that it is in amity not contrary that this communication is made, and it is hoped that it will be considered in this light by the author of the address.

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