

Annapolis Sept. 2nd 1857

From Sir,
A. W. Pollard
to the Governor
Concerning
the removal
of free people
of color
to the Colony
of Trinidad
I represent.

May, I be permitted to request your advice as to the best mode in which I can proceed to induce the free people of color of the State of Maryland to emigrate to the Colony of Trinidad, and I should also feel thankful to your Excellency to inform me whether it would be unreasonable to expect that the bounty of the State would be applied to the deportation of such of the people in question, who are themselves unable to defray the cost of their own emigration and who would not be included in the bounty offered by the Colony I represent. Your opinion as to the policy of my being present during the sitting of the Legislature is also requested.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's Obedt. Humbl. Servt.
A. W. Pollard
Spe. Em. Agt. of Trinidad

This Excellency
The Governor of Maryland

State Department
Annapolis Md. Oct. 4th 1857.

From A. W. Pollard Esq
the Gov.
to Pollard
in reply
to the
aforesaid

Sir,
I owe you an apology for not having replied at an earlier day, to your communication of the 2nd ult. in reference to the emigration, from this State to the Island of Trinidad, of free people of color. My official engagements must plead my excuse.

You ask me

First, the best mode, in which you can proceed, to induce the free people of color of this State to emigrate &c.

Secondly, whether Maryland could be expected to apply her bounty to the deportation of such of that class of people as are unable to pay the cost of their emigration &c. &

Thirdly, My opinion as to the policy of your being here during the session of our Legislature.

To the first question, I can only reply in general terms, that, as the contemplated emigration of the free people of color to the Colony of Trinidad, must, under existing laws, be a matter of pure volition on their part, the best and, indeed the only mode left open to you, is, an appeal to their judgment and interests, through