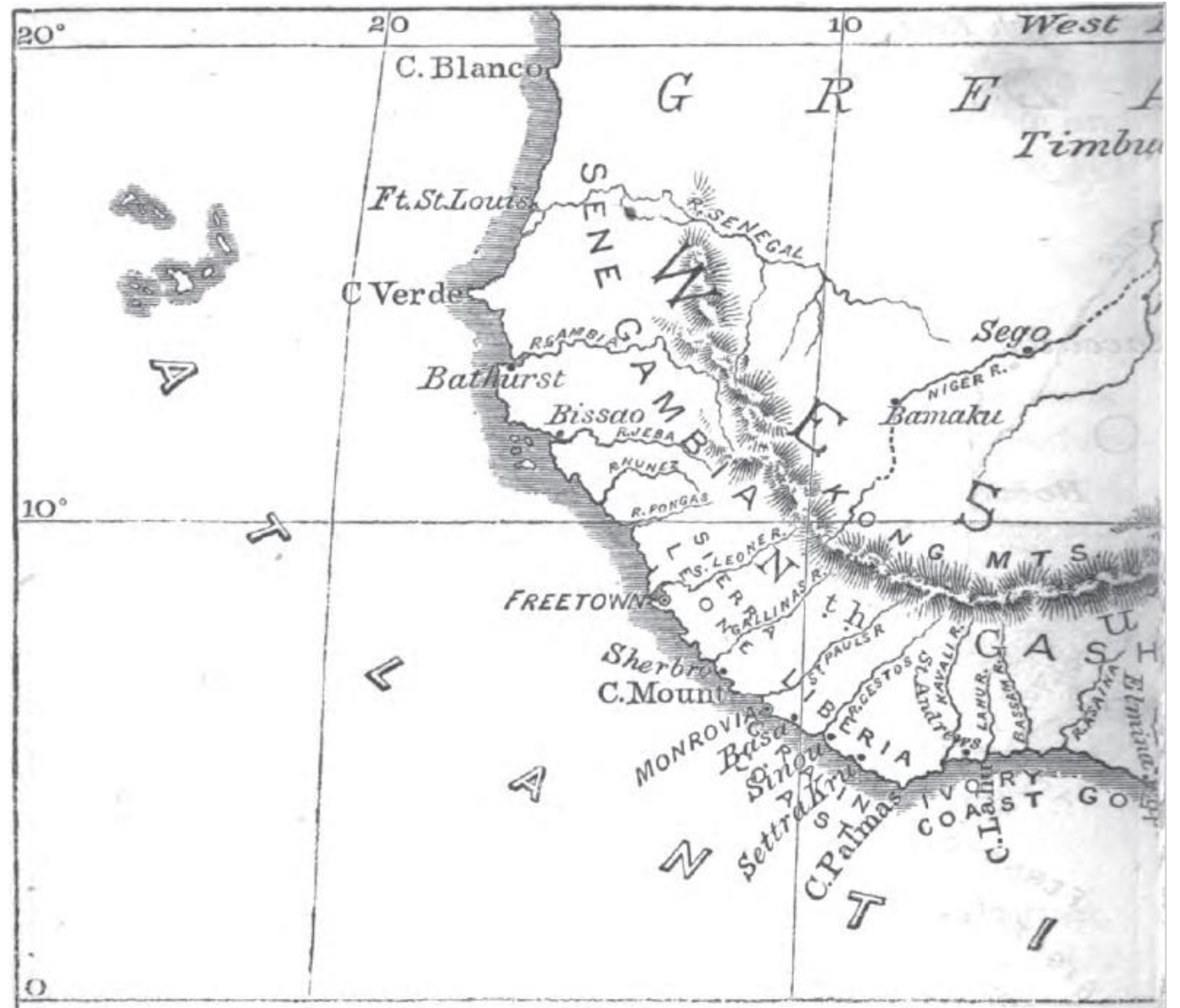


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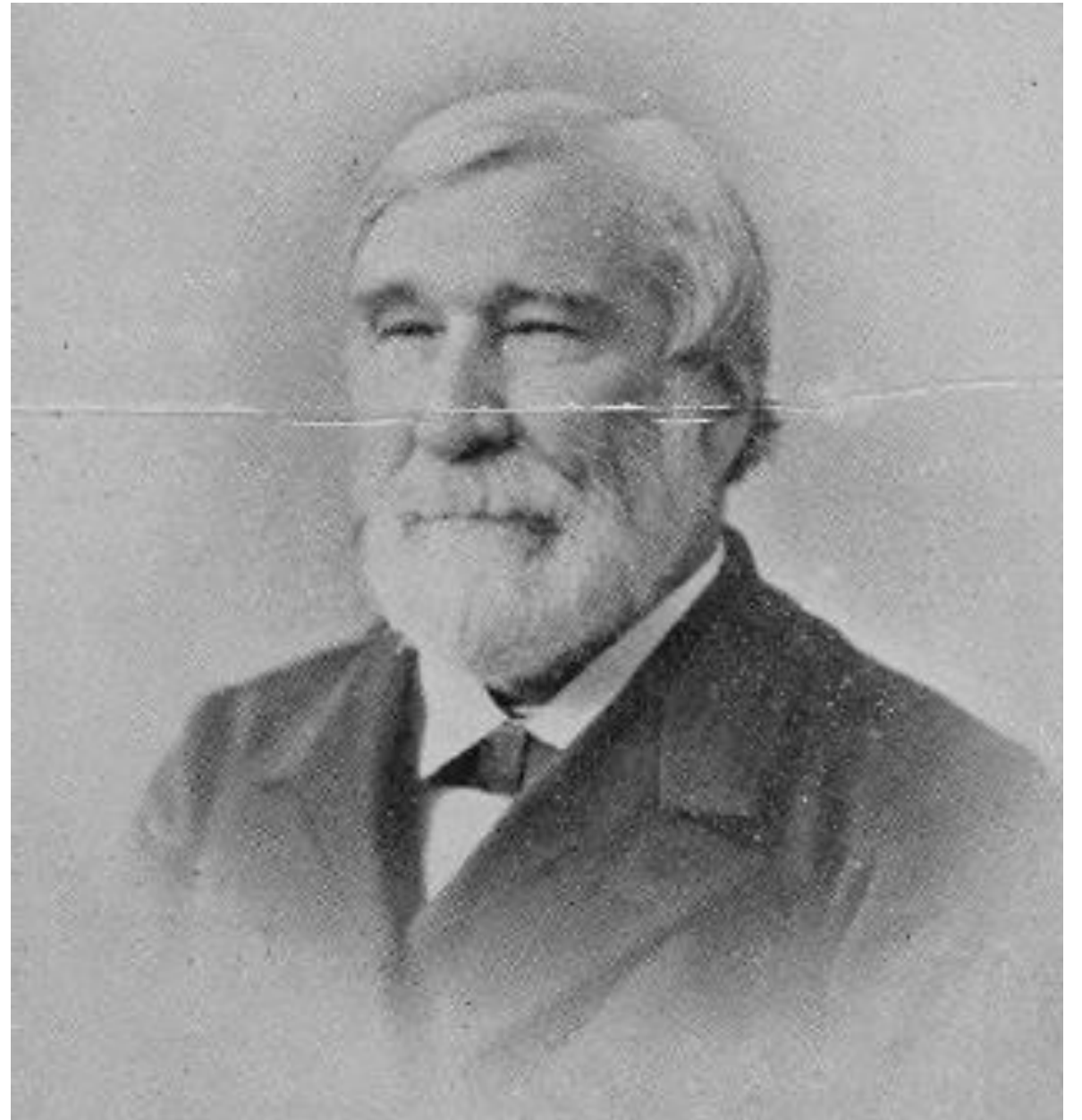
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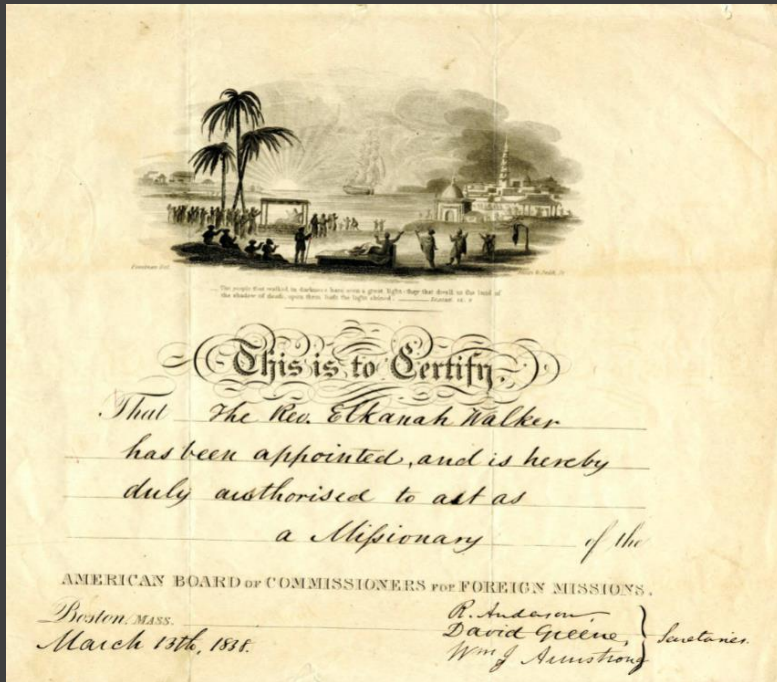




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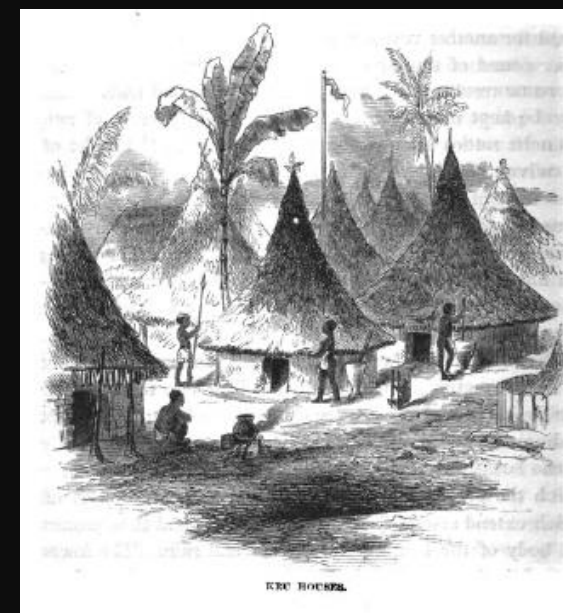
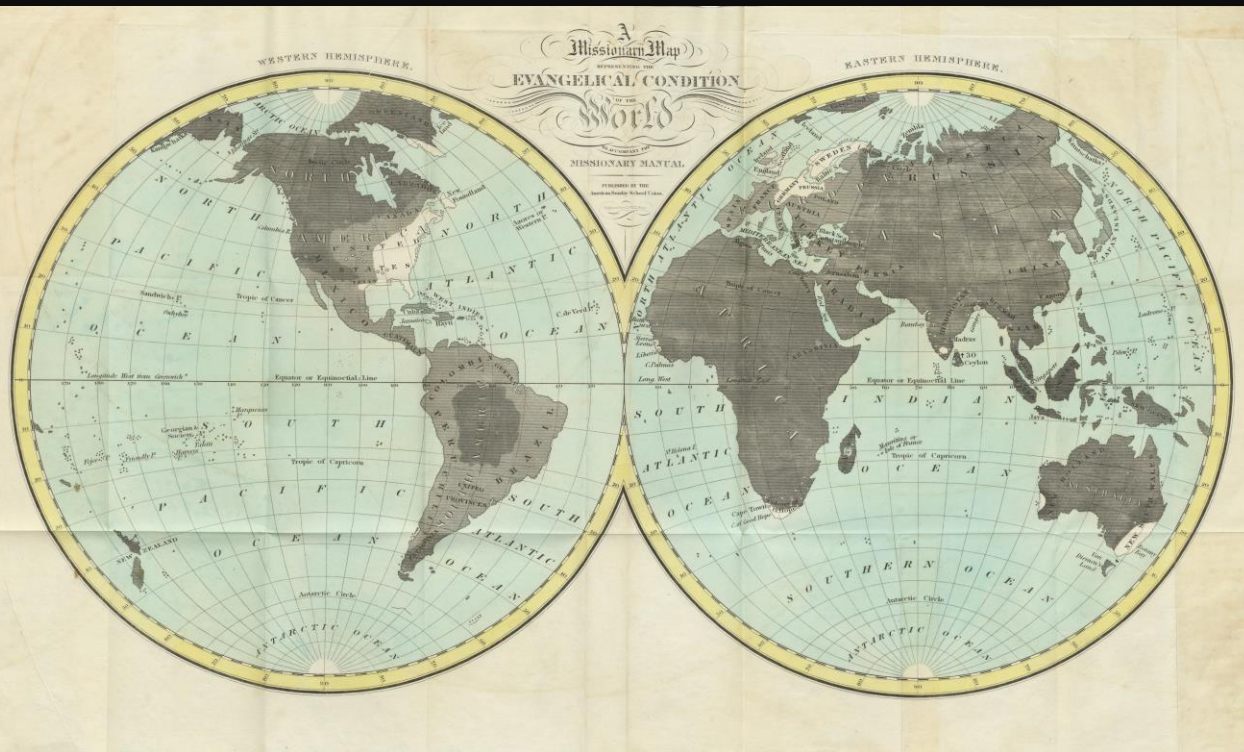
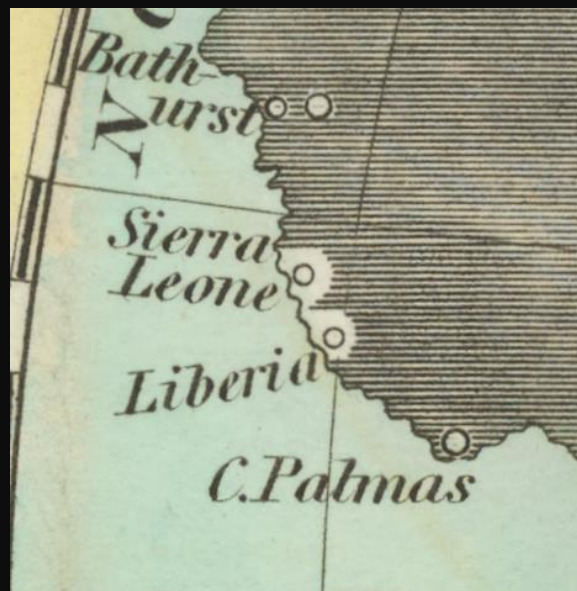


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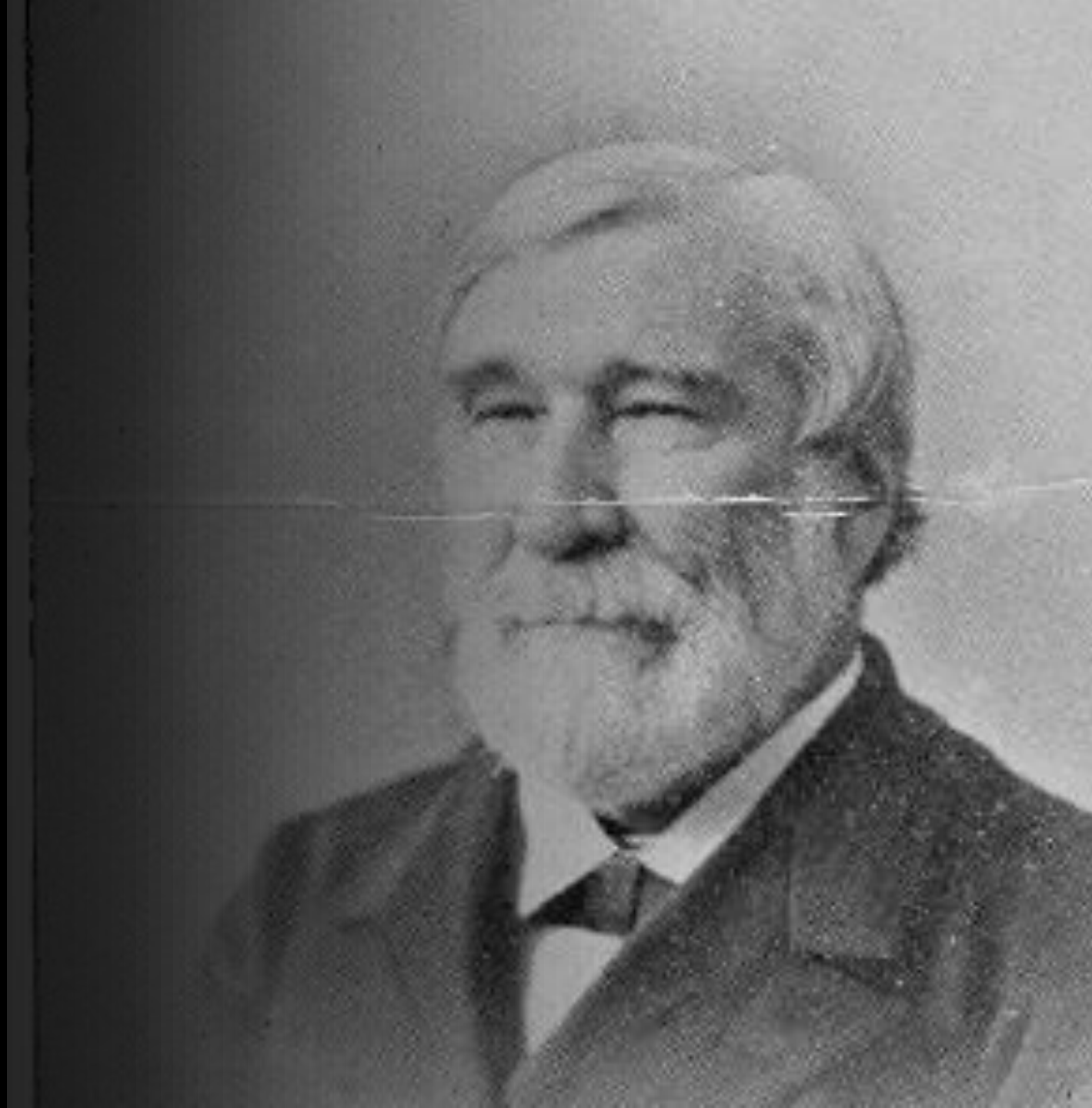


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"The colonization cause has been dignified by the appellation of a 'missionary enterprise' and every colonist has been represented as a missionary, going forth to carry the bread of life to his perishing fellow men. But let us inquire more coolly in to this matter.

Who are they that compose this imposing phalanx of missionaries?"

-Rev. John Leighton Wilson



not, in our correspondence with Mr. Garrison, and you need
not feel any uneasiness on this point.

As for the jurisdiction of the colonial govt. over the
foreign residents within the colonial bounds (including all
missionaries), the Committee are clear in the opinion that
the exposition of the case in my former letter is the correct
one. These colonization societies are mere civil institutions.
Their character, their aims, their administration, are secular.
Territorial acquisition and government are among their
objects. In these respects they differ, toto celo, from a mis-
sionary society. The two institutions are both incorpora-
ted, and have a legal existence, and in these res-
pects they are alike; but when you bring a colonization
and a missionary society together, you cannot reason
out them and pass from one to the other, as you could
if you bring two colonization societies, or two com-
mercial companies side by side. These colonization so-
cieties have a civil, political existence. They have a right
to govern within certain limits - confessed in the case
of the colony at Cape Palmas by the state of Maryland,
and virtually conceded by the conduct of the United
States government for these many years past. We are re-
spected and justly regarded, in a very different light.

- Rufus Anderson to John Leighton Wilson, Feb. 25, 1839





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