ignorant people: the flames of discord would be easily kindled in their breasts by ingenuously pointing to them the suffering next part of their brethren who were compelled to undergo, and poor their memo-
ries would still be fresh with the recollection of the many labours and toils they had undergone. Finding them that it would be an
impracticable measure to show our humanity, by planting a body of peo-
ple, who might probably injure our peace & welfare. Let us further
investigate this subject. It is necessary to consider what will be
the many disadvantage, attaching the colony if planted in defect,
which is thought to be the most practicable measure. This no doubt
would be attended with fewer disadvantages to us, but would the
situation of the place be any better? It is sufficed not, the num-
ber which would be carried we there would not be sufficient
to protect themselves from the inroads of these barbarous neighbours
without protection from the United States. If the assistance were dem-
ed them, they would soon become a prey to the merciless disposition
of the African; though they had fled from the injustice of serv-
te, yet they would have to taste of the poison of death. It would then
be an act of unpardonable unhumanity to carry them from a place
of safety and leave them in this inhospitable country. Should the
government of the U.S. undertake to protect them? How long
would this assistance be necessary? Can it be reasonably supposed
that this colony would soon become able to defend itself with
any strong grounds, to believe that this defect in population would
be speedily remedied: consider in what manner and how fast
this body would increase. If none were carried there only those
who had obtained their freedom here, the prospects for its speedy