Colonization in the Foulke Papers

Guiding Questions

- The 13th Amendment was ratified in 1865, but there's still a lot of work to be done. How are colonization and racism still active in the United States today?
- Some abolitionists advocated for sending free African Americans to Africa. Why is this a harmful idea?
- The American Colonization Society (ACS) was led by white people. What are the problems with this?
 - Do you think members of the ACS felt they were upholding white supremacy or did they feel they were doing the "right thing"? Can you think of a modern day equivalent?
- What are some differences between The American Colonization Society and The American Society of Free People of Colour?
- Why was creating a colony for freed slaves something some abolitionists advocated for as a solution to ending slavery?
 - Why do you think they didn't just advocate for ending slavery and letting everyone in the United States coexist?
- Why are the Foulke Papers important for understanding the conversation around abolition during the 19th century?

Classroom Activities

• Explore the differences in activism between William Parker Foulke and William Lloyd Garrison. Compare how these two activists of the 19th century differed in their ideas and actions surrounding abolition.

