

Newport, June 5<sup>th</sup> 1848.

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Dr. James Hall, Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. & answered it by return of mail. I have just returned from the discharge of the duty which that letter imposed on me in Calvert county. Dolly & her descendants are those to whom I was sent. Dolly has been visited by your agents, as far back as father Roberts. I saw all of them who are of sufficient age to be capable of judging for themselves, as to what they will do. They all refuse to go to Liberia. Dolly, the mother, & Lyeta & Jane, her oldest daughters, refused to answer the question as to what other place, without this State, they would go to? By refusing, they virtually answered me, that they would go no whither, but would remain where they are, in Calvert County. Lyeta is the mother of three children, by a slave husband; viz. Mary Ann, her oldest, John Hanson & Martha Ellen, her twins. Sam, Dolly's oldest son, & the last of the prosy, whom I saw, was the only one who treated me with respect, or even decency. Sam was in the field of one Mr. Irwin, to whom he is hired. He listened with deference to all I wished to say to him. He was prejudiced against Liberia, & would not consent to go thither. If he must leave this State, he prefers to go out under the auspices of the agents of the Colonization Society, & will defer to the better judgment of said Society, as to what ~~what~~ place, on this

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A. Letter Books

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