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To
Wm A. Easter Homeopath.
October 18th 1837

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Dear Sir

I received your reply to my letter of the 12th Inst, informing me that an expectation for Africa would probably take place on the 25th of Nov. next.

In relation to the two young men, Peter & James, I have the following facts, which I wish presented to your Board for their immediate action. They were manumitted conditionally by my father William Stratchley late of Calvert co. deceased. The conditions were, that at the age of 21 years they should be sent by his Executors (Mr. Mc Beall & myself) to some place to be selected by them, to be free. Should they consent to go, as early as practicable, if not, to be sold slaves for life. In order to bring them back to claim it, after the decease of my father, which occurred in 1831, he petitioned the Legislature to permit us, which was done, with the proviso, Should they refuse to go to Liberia, they should be sold out of the State, slaves for life. Peter & James were minors at the age of 21 but recently, since then, I have been trying to perform my duty to them in conformity to the will, but have been so much perplexed by their obstinacy and disobedience, that I have resolved if your Board will take immediate charge of them, to place them at once in your hands. After disposing the matter to Mr. Beall & myself, to whom they were first hired, by their conduct