Hagerstown, May 24, 1841.

Dear Sir - When Dr. Hall was here a fortnight ago, it was deemed by us a matter of importance to obtain, if practicable, information from the several counties of the number of permits that have been granted to free blacks, (manumitted since the act of 1831, ch. 281,) under the 5th sect. of this act. Upon consulting our Register of Wills I am informed he has kept a list of such; but he says at the same time, that the number of those then permitted to remain in the county in comparison with those, who remain without permits, is very small. The law in this respect is not enforced. -

The Colonization Convention would do well to take this branch of the subject into consideration, with a view to call the attention of Officers and our Legislature to it. Information from the several counties could be brought to the Convention by the delegates; and with this view, I w.d suggest the propriety of a notice in the Baltimore papers to the delegates who intend to be present to obtain

Dr. Samuel Wallis
President.

Rev. Thos. Mathews
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May 24th 1841.

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