Easton May 30. 1841.
Register of Wills Office

James Hall Esqr.
Sir

Your letter requesting to be informed of the number of Permits granted by the Orphans Court of this County to manumitted Slaves under the Act of 1831. has been duly received. The information however which you seek, would be difficult, not to say impossible to obtain. The Record of Manumissions or rather of Permits to manumitted Slaves being mixed indiscriminately with all other records of the Court (separate) no regard being had to Estates, and no particular record of the Act being made. In such a mass of matter the search you request would be endless and profitless. I regret this as I moved in so good a cause feel myself honored in rendering the slightest aid. From what ~~what~~ I have ~~seen since~~ have been in the Registers office (now 4 yrs) ~~that~~ the number of Permits granted are very limited. One only has been granted during my time.

I am with respect
Your humble Servt. Sev.
Hollinton Wallace Ofa
Henry D. Miller Regr.

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