Rev. R. R. Gurley
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Dr James Hall
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Dear Sir Agreeable to promise which I made Dr Gurley a few days since before I left home I pen a few lines to you in reference to the case of Jacob Jones who emigrated from Caroline County in the year thirty nine as well as I can remember. It appears under existing circumstances that the prosperity of colonization here depends entirely on the return of Gibson, he left me neighbours with my family I am at a loss with the circumstances connected with his leaving home I assure you that he was a man of ordinary character he was highly esteemed by all that knew him as a christian as well as a citizen, I have known myself for many years and have always known him to be a worthy honest peaceable & upright man, and further he had the confidence of all the coloured people who knew him, and the circumstances in which he left was that he was to return in a year or two and was well understood with most of the coloured people throughout this section he was satisfied he should bring them the news several very prominent families provided to return with mine & was talking with a very prominent coloured man a few days ago in reference to Gibson's return, he told me that he never expected to see him again, he thought him confined perhaps in slavery so that he could not come, I asked him if he would go with mine if he was to return again

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