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Dr. James Hall,

Dear Sir,

Mr. Roberts has spoken to me on this interesting subject of the unhappy failure of my recent attempt to get the consent of my servants to go to Liberia. The most influential man in my family had agreed to go, & several females, some with, & some without children were disposed to follow him. I had, before speaking to this man on the subject, consulted the lady who owns his wife & two children, & thought that I had obtained her assent that they should accompany him; but on the whole she refused, as Mr. R. is aware, to part with them, for either love or money. There is another male on the land who is at present willing to go to Liberia. Distrust & doubt still exist upon the minds of my young men, & they ask, why does not Mr. Chambers return on a visit as he promised he would do, when he left us? There is some apology for this distrust, when we remember how often these people have been deceived. There are with me upwards of 20 who are already free. I consider it very desirable that these, at least, should be prevailed on to go to Liberia. My family, in all, consists of 90 souls, & tho' some of them are so connected here, that there is no probability of their ever being extricated, & though so well suited to their families, still a large number are eligibly situated, & are eligible candidates for emigration. I have advertised my farm, for

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A. Letter Books

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