Near Great Mills St Marys
May 27th 1844

Dr James Hall

Dear Sir

I have been in this neighbourhood, for two or three days past I have seen Lawders agents - but nothing is effectually done, or in other words, there is no money both coming; but acknowledges he has sold some little wood perhaps about so dollars worth, but he thought that was not worth remitting. The tenants was to cut & haul wood for their rents he reckons that the places are all let this year, for cash; and he will take care to have all settled up by the time the vessel sails. I expect that letter which I brought down here, will produce considerable effect - for when I got to the meeting house on sunday morning, there was a white man reading the letter to a whole house of them, it was from John Lawder - he strongly urges them all to come out to a land of liberty - telling them at the same time that they may suffer a few privations at first - but they will soon overcome those little difficulties - he says he has not found the weather as hot in africa - as he has experienced it in the united states in July & August - this letter will be handed about among them & be dissemination at large - this man that was reading it for them is their class leader - and a very popular man with them - he says they are a shrewd calculating set that the last emigration was to them a matter of experiment - & when they are satisfied that the others have succeeded they will be young continually but he advised to say little to them at present

Richard Benson
Royal Oak Md
May 21st 1844

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