P.S. The Rives are all communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Old Mr. R. has 2 grand daughters who have married clergymen. One is the wife of Bishop Meade's son. I spent 2 nights with old Mr. Rives. He entertained Bishop Johns & others of us, the clergy, sumptuously. Prided himself on making his slaves happy — but has nothing to say about colonization. I said above, that I regarded the doings of the American Col. Soc. in Virginia as a hindrance to State action. They have a paid, dilapidated auxiliary societies about in the state — they induce many of the clergy to take up 4th of July collections in favor of their Soc., A year or two ago, while my brother was rector of the Church in Staunton, they sent an agent there in the shape of a Baptist minister, who invited their

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people should make my brother a life member, & it was done. That agent was working for a certain percentage upon the collections he made. Dr. Alexander of Richmond has a sister living in Staunton, was there on a visit — made a powerful address in favor of colonization.

Henry H. Goodwin

Piney woods Char. Co
June 5th 1844

To Dr Jas Hall

Dr Sir

I wrote last from great mills and I met with Mr Rich. Thomas at the post office and he kindly offered to take charge of it, as he was going to Baltimore the next day. I have been roaming about in different parts of Char. County ever since but the negros are about the most worthless stupid things in creation, drunken dissipate stupid animals you might as well reason with horses; and it is believed they will never move, untill they are driven away — as to the whites; they say it is no use for them to contribute to the object unless they can see them make a movement they can tell you to a cent how much tax they pay and how they have paid from the beginning. Mr Reeders Report is quite familiar with them — I shall continue a few days longer & then bear homeward — but whether I shall be able to return Calvert & Annerundell as than I can tell — for my mare when I got to Washington shewed signs of lameness — I there met with a man that professed to be a great horse doctor — he examined her & said he could cure her to right, if I would would allow him — which I did & I fear he has ruined her — I with difficulty got her to the end of Prince georges — and to leave her & so I have been riding a borrowed horse ever since — which horse I shall have to return in a day or two — if she is fit to travel I shall come by that route & not I shall have to come by steam boat — I expect the he mailed at Alexandria my host is going on the day

Yours &c
M. Roberts

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