Louisville, Ken. Oct. 8. 1845.

Dr. Hall.

As we are designing to get emigrants to leave the west for Liberia this fall in Dec.? I have taken the liberty of writing to you again for information; and as I place much confidence in your knowledge of Colonization matters, I would be glad to hear from you. What things do emigrants need, and should take with them? What should they not take with them? (I have heard they should not take bedsteads, tables &c.)

What articles are best to take for sale, to colonists or natives?

What can a vessel be chartered for, say to take 100, or 200 emigrants from New Orleans? Of course freight will be put on board to occupy what the ~~not~~ emigrants do not fill up.

The Rev Mr. Finley is very anxious to raise funds to purchase a vessel to take out emigrants, twice a year from the West, and S. West sailing from N. Orleans — a part of the vessel to be owned by some friends to the cause in N. Orleans, say 1/4 of her. What do you think of such a measure? I told him if we were certain of 200 emigrants every year 100 for spring & 100 for the fall, it might answer, but not without. I should like to have your opinion. Mr. Finley says, the difficulty of obtaining a vessel in N. Orleans when wanted to take emigrants, makes it necessary to own one, that it may be known when she will sail &c.

I notice a vessel is to go out from Baltimore this fall, next month. How many do you send out?

I have succeeded in getting a subscription for $4500 to purchase a Kentucky in Africa —

Please write immediately & direct to me at this place.

Yours with Respect,
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