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Dr James Hall.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst was very cordially received & will assure you, especially when I considered that it was from an old friend, and that it bore some intelligence of there being a possibility of my yet returning to my future home. So great has been the changes since I left this country and City, that I have felt since I have been here, as if I was among strangers in a strange land. I have been on the point of writing to you several times this winter but have deferred it untill the present.

I was sadly disappointed last fall in not returning to Africa, and had I known then that the Committee would have been so undecided in the spring, after promising me a situation when they heard again from the Mission. I should have availed myself of the opportunity of going out in your Depel. for I was very anxious to escape the cold ~~[illegible]~~ winter, but after being to a good deal of expense in traveling, and makeing some preparations for returning waiting in suspense sometime, I was to be disappointed. Cold weather was approaching and we were not at all prepared for it. I scarcely knew what to do. so I returned to Hartford and made preparations for winter. encouraged by the offer of the Foreign Committee to give me a situation in the spring, the winter passed much quicker than I expected.

When I left Africa I expected to return in Mr Hazlehurst family, and was not particular to bring a written request

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A. Letter Books

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