Mrs Thompson
Coffee Office

Dr James Hall
Colonization Office
Baltimore

Newport, Tuesday April 14th 1846.

Dr James Hall,

Dear Sir,

Last night's mail brought forth the enormous birth of 14 letters for me, & my coloured family, many of which were from Cape Palmas, & several of which were double. The news is on the whole encouraging. Your letter of the 9th instant, & that from Dr McGill, came with the rest. Last Thursday, if I read right, your letter was dated. Now on Thursday mornings early the stage coach which brings me letters, leaves Washington & reaches Newport that same night. It comes again on Monday, consequently, you perceive that your letter of the 9th could not reach me until the 13th at dark. You should have received on the very same day yours was dated a letter from me, giving a detailed account of the matter which naturally gave you solicitude. I am confident that you are already in possession of the information you desire. You will doubtless receive this, my letter of the 14th, in the shortest possible time that the mail arrangements between Baltimore & Newport allow a correspondance to take place which is commenced on Thursday. Your letter, if written on Saturday, would have reached me just as soon. Your note sent with the horse was not handed to my boy in Benedict when he received the horse — it did not reach me but by the chance of private conveyance on the Sunday following, & was answered as soon thereafter as possible. Doggy is with me & likes me — does nothing but amuse himself & regail himself on green grass — goes out & in the stable as he pleases, except at night he is fastened in — shews lameness yet in his walk, but not as much as at first. I am advised by

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A. Letter Books

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