For

Dr James Hall

Colonization Office

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Wm McLain
Calo. Rooms
Wash.n City 17 April 1846

Dear Sir

Jones of 15th is at hand. By the same mail I have rec.d a letter from E. Cresson in which he says substantially what your brother does about the Pons adding however that "she is to be sold next Wednesday." His letter is dated the same day that Jones is, viz. the 15th — Can your brother be interested in our not knowing when she will be sold? Cresson says he has seen the former owner, who says, "she cost $10000 — is now worth $5.000 — would carry 80 blocks & 1200 bbls. — but as the Brazilians have sworn to repossess her, would have some fears for her safety in the African Trade." — Unless I hear something to the contrary I think I shall go to Phil.a next Monday or tuesday & see "what's what." If I could buy her and send out two expeditions in her, & then sell her in Africa for about what she cost me, it would not be a bad operation. If you should hear any thing before you see me, please let me know. I will try & see you when I come. I hope you will go on to Phil.a with me.

Yours very truly

Wm McLain

P.S. I am trying to get the U.S. Govt to authorize the purchase of the Pons & sale to her Gov. if we buy her.

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N.B. Please send me twelve copies of your Ann. Report in pamphlet form if you have it — if not, in your Journal form —

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