

Fredricks town
7 o'clock P.M. Sat. 11/28
1848

Dr. James Hall Genl Agent
of Colonization Society

Dear Sir, It is now seven o'clock P.M. and Jacob Groce has not made his appearance to start by to morrow's cars. He was here and with his brother assured me he would be punctual & be here. Mr Walker would have his papers ready for him. Saturday I understood ~~that~~ ^{that they} and others were prevailing on him not to hurry. The vessel would ^{not} start but he resolutely told them he would not stay nor would he work but demanded his Certificate of Freedom. his brother said that Walker promised him his papers to day and he would be here to night but he has not come. if the vessel does ^{not} sail before Saturday I can send him ^{word} to come here without his papers and I will procure the Certificate from the Register of Wills of his Freedom and send him one, if you write me. -

I send by Henry Groce letters for Cape Palmas which I intended should go by Jacob Groce and so stated in my letters. if you write to Cape Palmas I wish you would mention the cause of his not going -

with Esteem and Respect
Yours

David Hughes

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