

Newport, April 25th 1848.

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Dr. James Hall, Dear Sir

Your favor of the 17th instant was duly received. I have received ~~the~~ as a communication, which I think it advisable to submit for your inspection & advisement & which I copy as follows. "Mr. Goodwin, — Cousin Jane Washington owns a very valuable Wagon, indeed, coachmaker, who has a free wife, and nine children, & has determined to liberate him & send him with his wife & children to Liberia, & wishes me to ascertain from you, if the society will give them a passage to that place, & also what will be the best season, Spring or Fall, for them to set off on the voyage. Her purpose is to give the man a complete set of tools, a comfortable outfit, & two hundred dollars besides, to take out with him to begin his African life with. You will oblige me very much by giving me as soon as will be convenient to you, an answer on this subject in writing. April 21st 1848."

I answered this letter, saying, that it made no appreciable difference as to what time in the year emigrants set out from this country for Liberia, — that as a general thing we were glad to receive Virginia emigrants into our Colony at Cape Palmas — that our Colony had by some been preferred on the grounds of superior healthiness — that I would write to you by the earliest mail — should receive from you a prompt reply — when so advised ~~and~~ would give a more complete answer to the above letter. I know nothing personally of the emigrants in question. The ladies, both the one who writes, & the one in behalf of whom she writes, are well & personally known to me.

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