

Newport, May 19th 1848.

Dr. James Hall,

Dear Sir, I have just returned from a town which took me 30 miles from home in executing the mandate issued from your Office, & as a faithful sub, hasten to make report of my proceedings, as in duty bound, to the great agent in Baltimore, whose sub I am. & 1st having met with Mr. Young, the executor of the last Will & Testament of John Stone, & having made his acquaintance in Port Tobacco, on Tuesday last, I proceeded with him to his residence about 5 miles distant, to dinner, thence with him about 3 miles further to the premises late the property of John Stone deceased, where I was duly introduced by said Young to the manumitted, who consist of husband & wife & 9 children. Stone owed some debts, gave some few small legacies, owned 151 acres of poor land, ordered a specific portion of it to be sold, & willed that the remainder, which should include the buildings should become the property of the said manumitted. Young says that it will be a tight squeeze, if on the sale of the whole land & premises, the proceeds will be sufficient to settle up the estate. One or two of the children are hired out for the year, & the others with their parents are carrying on the farm under the very partial supervision of Mr. Young by visits "few & far between". - Opposed to going to Liberia of course. - No definite answer either in spirit or letter to the questions propounded by the law. In justice to the ignorance & error of these people they should be seen again, after having time allowed them for consideration. Spent the night with Mr. Young & in the morning was requested to give a levy by an impudent little scamp, who cleaned my shoes, gave him a half dime. Wednesday morn proceeded some 2 miles

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II. Correspondence Received

A. Letter Books

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