Sheriff's Office, and ascertained he was in Balt.o & would not return before Saturday. I then went to the record office and examined the deed of manumission; a copy from my extract of it I herein set forth

"Ext. from Deed of Manu.n of H B Smith, of Cal. Co. of his Slaves viz: Folio 85 Liber W.M.H. & A.D.S. No. 54

Dany Griffin mother,	aged	40	Deed recorded 11th July 1843
Celistia	child	" 16	
Samuel	"	" 12	
Dina	"	" 10	True copy
George	"	" 8	Test A R Sollers
Daniel	"	" 5	Clk Cal. Co. Court

This being done I hunted up the Resd.t of the Cal Court Com.r (at whose house I am stopping) to have him inform me when the Ct met. He said Tuesday morning next. I told him I should make application to the Comr of Cal. Co. to pay the Sheriff for removing them, believing it to be my duty to scheme in every way, favorable to the Society funds. He thinks the Board will refuse to charge the County for their removal. I urged every plea I could bring to bear — such as it was the county's business & Cal. Co. paid a small Col. Tax compared with the other counties; — that it was not just to saddle the Society with the expense (I did not let on that I was authorised to guarantee it); that if Cal. Co. would set the precedent, I would take it over to Pot. Tobacco & endeavor to have Charles County do like wise. There is a similar case in Arundel &

that county would doubtless do the same. These and similar arguments I shall produce to the Board when they meet, and try every expedient to raise the wind outside of your Treasury, if it can be done. I then next went to the Ct House and examined in the Clerks office all the laws bearing upon this case, and those not bearing upon it — from not one single one of which could I gather any thing providing for the amount of the Sheriffs Fee. If you will pardon the length of this letter, I will lay out here, my investigations — from which you will be introduced to my future course.

Sec. 3. Act of 1831 — makes it the duty (you know) of every clerk of a county in this State, and of every register of Wills, to send within five days after the deed shall have been recorded or the will admitted to probate, an extract from such deed or will, stating the names, number and ages of the slaves or slave so manumitted, to the Bd of Man.n for Mon.y & c; and the said Bd must notify the [the] Society &c, and if the Society shall engage to take them to Liberia, then the Bd must have them delivered to the Soc.y &c; and in case the persons so manumitted shall refuse to be removed, then it shall be the duty of the Bd to remove them to such place or places beyond the limits of the State as they may see fit, and the free negroes shall be willing to go to; meanwhile the Bd in providing for their reception and support, such places or places as it may think necessary, until they shall be able to provide for themselves, may hire them out, if the money be not otherwise provided for; and in case they shall