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Leonardtown, Mar 27th 1849.

G^r James Wall

Dear Sir

Was before yesterday I in-
flicted upon you a long, and I ver much fear a
tedious & uninteresting letter, and if such should have
been the case, I am sure in perusal of this, will
repay the trouble of its reading. Spoiled by my
chills & deferring to the majesty of the worst and
naughtiest weather mortal eye ever saw for a
spring and summer, I naturally sought repose and
such relief to my mind from the sun as occasioned
by my confinement as a man in so untoward
a situation would desire. I accordingly picked up
the "History of Maryland from its settlement in 1634
to the year 1848, by James M. Sherry," which words
appear upon the title page, with this addition
"Baltimore: printed & published by John Murphy at
178 Market Street." The dedication is to the youth
of Maryland & the Preface is dated January 1st 1849.
You will find it a splendid royal octavo of over 400
pages & apart from the scummy texture and quality
of the book in point of mechanical execution, it
will amply repay perusal in the graceful and
skillfully arranged and well digested subjects upon
which it treats as a history, the style being
in the language of one of the newspapers
" terse, fluent & graphic." All of the which I
most powerfully & potently believe, because I read
it most carefully, being the more interested in
the perusal of the scenes and events it depicts
& describes from being more than a week upon
and around the spot and spots hallowed by reminiscences

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II. Correspondence Received
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