(Private)

Dr James Hall

My dear Sir,

April closes and finds me enjoying the hospitalities of Rev. Mr Goodwin & his lady. I send you my report all made out previous to leaving Baltimore, to which Mr Key's $5 only have been added. I meet with exceedingly poor encouragement. Mr G – notwithstanding his pro-slavery views does all he can for me – but I can neither get money – emigrants – nor hope that Charles County will ever be any thing more than a sterile, barren field. We have ridden 14 miles one day – 26 another, called on individuals, introduced the subject – urged it, but – it won't go. I have published in the "Port Tobacco Times" – I was in that place yesterday – that I will address the people on Sunday at 3 P.M. in the Court House, on the subject, but the most influential men – Rev. Mr Wilmer – Major Stone – – Thompson, Judge of the Orphans Court – Mitchell a lawyer – all say with one voice – "Nothing can be done!" However I will Try. 'Tis a waste of your agent's time to stay in this County – the free Negroes themselves won't hear on the subject – and the slaves if set free won't go to Africa – Mr. Goodwin called & on Sunday before me & both of us urged them to accept freedom & go, but they won't hear of emigration. Mr G – says candidly there is not a family in all Charles, save his – & perhaps Mr Chapman's – he would not much rather have the Col. Agent's room than his company. Ergo, I leave with Divine Permission on Monday morning, ~~[illegible]~~ Port Tobacco for Marlborough Landing – thence Washington – Baltimore – home, where I hope to be at 6 P.M. Mr Goodwin sends his kind regards to you

I am Very respectfully – Your Ob. Sev.
C. Anderson

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