

Dear Sir  
 Near Rockaburg, Chester County, Pa. July 11/52  
 Dr. James Hall  
 Dear Sir  
 Having for the last twenty years en-  
 deavored to promote the cause of colonization in my humble way  
 in this County, I have therefore given the subject much thought  
 and to find out some measure if adopted, would do more to  
 their interest the greatest amount of good with the least  
 amt. of evil. and as the result of my thoughts I submitted to the  
 delegates from this County to the last Legislature the following propo-  
 sition in the form of a bill to be passed, the Act of 93 & 94, and  
 the several supplements thereto so far as relates to the British  
 and American of Free Blacks in indigent circumstances in the  
 County of this State, and to be read and are now being annually by  
 an agent appointed for that purpose in each Christian district  
 whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all so hired both male  
 and female with their ages, and the sum for which each hire  
 is made, and if either they shall have attained the age  
 of 21 years and females the age of 18 years, and the funds so raised  
 to be applied as follows; First ten per cent to the agents, secondly  
 where there was any or more parents the hire of their children  
 to their relief by the agent and thirdly, where there is no parents  
 the hire (after deducting incidental expenses such as medical  
 bills or extra clothings, to be handed over annually by the agent  
 with the name of him or her, as the case may be who may have  
 earned the same to the Maryland Colonization Society who  
 shall cause the same to be entered as a credit to each individual  
 named by the agent as having earned the same, to be kept

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