the letter due herewith sent — and have petitioned to have the slaves sold to pay the debts of M. B. Carroll — I have been informed there are about One hundred slaves left by his father M. Carroll — It is not only improper but impossible for me to act in this business as I could wish — I wrote to Wm. H. Funk & Charles C. Magruder to act as Executors, that Mr Carroll's will be faithfully & honestly carried out — I saw C. C. Magruder last week at Bowie & he said it should be done — What power of law may arise hereafter if a deceased person leaves not sufficient estate exclusive of Real to pay his debts — he cannot by will first free his slaves, in detriment of his Creditors &c — and if any of the women slaves within the 40 years after Mr Carroll's death should have children — Are they free? —

All this I bring to myself & my children — of these slaves (who were appraised at $35,000 — tho' worth $40 or $50,000) — be free — yet as my sister Ann willed it — in God's name! I am perfectly contented that her full & entire wishes be honestly & fairly carried — I attended in 1816 — the first meeting, to form the "Colonization Society in Pennsylvania Avenue City of Washington — I submitted a Constitution for it on the 24th December 1816 — at a meeting of the Committee at Brown's Hotel — the Committee being John Randolph, Gen'l Mathews of Va — Gov. Wright of Md. Elias B. Caldwell, Frank Key, W. G. D. Worthington &c as well as I recollect — I attended the meeting & spoke, in the temporary Hall of the H. of Rep. Timothy Pickering in the Chair — Gave it the present name & was elected first Recorder &c — but shortly afterwards, being sent abroad by my friend President Madison, — tho' always & ardently warmest friend — I have not been employed in its affairs &c — wishing it all success & prosperity

Yr. obt. Jas. Hall —

Agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society &c —

with great respect &c

W. G. D. Worthington

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