

87

Phila Sept 12. 1853.

My dear Sir,

I return with many thanks, the books
you kindly loaned me. It is proper to say that, in
consequence of a sudden rain storm, some of them
were wet, and I have not time to dry them thoroughly,
as I am under orders and must leave tomorrow to
join my ship.

Mr. Latrobe, the Secretary of the Navy,
and other friends of the cause, advise me not to say any
thing about Colonization in my report, and much that
I had prepared is, in deference to their better judg-
ment, thrown aside.

Please have the books examined
and if they be damaged and I can repair it, be
pleased to let me know, addressing to Norfolk. I do
not stay in Baltimore, or I would certainly call upon
you.

With great regard

Yours obt. Servant

J. James Hall.

W. H. Smith

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

12. January 1853—April 1855

1853