Chester (Delaware County) Pa Dec 7th 1853

T. Jr Hale Agent of colonization Society at Baltimore Md.

Dear Sir

By to-day's mail I received a letter from my sister (Mrs Martha J Martin) from Monrovia, informing me, that she had written me a letter, and, sent the same by barque Shurly. If you know any thing of the above named vessel and of the letter please forward the same to me with the quickest possible haste, and write, and let me know when the next vessel will sail from Baltimore for Liberia, as, I wish to send about $200 worth dry goods and provisions which I shall purchase at Baltimore if you will promise me your protection during my stay.

If the Society would educate me a musician I should like very much to go to that country. I know a little music, but not by far qualified. Would have no objection to stay at baltimore to study, but would prefer philadelphia since an agent is in this state, whose name and whereabouts I am utterly ignorant of.

If my offer meets ~~the~~ your approbation please use your influence in my behalf, and if not congenial with your minds please answer accordingly.

Yrs Obt Servant

Alexander Yardley
Chester Pa

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