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Doctr James Hall

Dear Sir

Yours of the 7th Ins came directly to hand & I shall answer it by return mail - our mails are so badly arranged in this neighborhood - we cant get a letter from Baltimore in less than 8 or 10 days but a letter will go from here there in about half the time - with respect to the negroes. I should like to get them off as soon as possible but I am afraid that my circumstances will not allow me to start them in your first vessel, but in case I should not get them off in your first vessel I shall use every effort to start them in your second vessel - which you stated would leave, you thought about the first of Decr — I have been advised by every friend I have not to go to Baltimore now as the Cholera is raging so bad there & yellow fever too I understand - but there are other matters here, to be settled before ~~that~~ the negroes can go that has not been settled - but I have been using every effort to get ready to send them ever since I wrote to you last spring - what I meant by a Receipt (which I stated to you I should want) was as a receipt to show that I had placed those negroes in the hands of the Colony alone agent to send to Liberia & to clear me of all curiosity ~~[illegible]~~ you did not state in your letter - who would receive ~~receiveth~~ the negroes & money in Norfolk if I were to put them aboard there, & probably when I get ready to send them it may be more

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