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Dr. James Hall,

I write to you under peculiar circumstances. In consequence of the letter of Mr. McLean dated the 21st of Nov. stating that none of our emigrants could go to Liberia in your vessel that sails on the 15th of Dec. I wrote to all concerned in Kentucky that they could not go at this time. But it has just come two emigrants, a man & his wife from Logan Co. the southern part of Ky to visit their friends in this town before they go to Liberia. They were a part of the 25 I expected to take ~~the coming~~ bringing our number to the amount mentioned in your letter, if there should be any important reason to take that number. These two persons ~~having~~ left home before my letter was received stating they must not come on to meet me to go to Baltimore, they presented to me this for papers, and prayed me to take them to Baltimore. The man is a very worthy ~~char~~ man, and was freed last Jan. 13 on condition he should go to Liberia, upon ~~that~~ the condition, he should go to Liberia before the 13th of Jan. 1855; he having the hire of the year. The time expires the 13 of Jan. coming. I called the Board of Ky. Col. Soc. together & laid his case before them. They decided it was an extreme case, & the Society must meet its claim upon its humanity, and directed me to take them to Baltimore and urge to have them taken on board of the vessel for Liberia. In this case, I presume you will not refuse them. The case is an extreme one. He comes highly commended for character & industry, a shoe maker by trade. You may expect these two emigrants to be in Baltimore on the 14th of Dec.

Yours with Respect

Alex. M. Bowen

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