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Sir

Having received a letter from Mr Berry of Oregon, together with a power of attorney, requesting me to transact business for him, said letter stating that he had sent a Bill of sale of a certain Negro boy conveying him to the Maryland Colonization Society for the purpose of being sent to Africa.

Such Bill had been sent to me early last spring but on enquiring at Port Tobacco ascertained it not to be in due form of law, and accordingly notified Mr Berry, and requested him to have one executed and sent to the President of the Society, and I would act with the society to see his wishes carried out, The boy was by me notified last May of the intentions of Mr Berry, and voluntarily chose to go to Liberia. I have since had several conversations with him on the subject.

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr Berry urging the immediate emancipation of the boy, and appropriates his year's salary for his own use to be expended under the direction of the society

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