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Doctor James Hall
Balto. D. Sir

I understand that you will have a vessel to sail for Liberia abt 1st May — will you ~~have~~ have room for abt 100 tons freight Mr Machado has been talking about sending one from this place — it will depend on whether he can get freight enough to let her go to Monrovia — which is doubtful — I was happy to hear that a letter was recd here day before yesterday from Mr Pinney & that he was expected in the Estelle which should be now near due here — I began to feel uneasy at not hearing from him since ~~his~~ past after his arrival there (21st Dec.) — I learn that Mr Gurley has recd an offer of equal to 3 or 4000 from Florida in money & timber towards building a Bark for the Colonization Soc.y — I think with you that we ought not to wait to get a steamer, which we may never get, as — neither the Soc.y nor private enterprize can support one for a number of years to come — still I believe that one of small auxiliary Stm Power would be very desirable and that Govt would be induced to help sustain it — but that need not prevent us from trying to get one or more good sailing vessels to run regularly until we can get something better would they not be wanted even if we had a steamer —

Yours truly
Wm Schieffelin

If you can take the freight how soon would it have to be in Balt.—

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