

others that it have ben gotten up by  
some of my pretended friends to prevent  
me from going to Giberia  
But Sir let me say to you that I do  
thank my God that I am not like a  
good many men of my color I have a  
mind of my own and I am not a wissom  
nary Man Change by any mind or ~~doct~~  
it is be youd the Effort of men by per-  
suading to prevent me from going to  
a land of Liberty. I please I can be  
say my Birth rights unmolested.

I am a free Man of color I was  
Emancipated by the late  
Mr Richard Bibb of this place in the  
year 1840 now being about 30 years  
of age I married a Slave woman some  
five years ago and have Bought her by  
hard labor I am a wagon maker by  
trade you will please to answer this  
as soon as you can

Mr James Hall

Arthur Bibb

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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