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Trappe, Talbot County Jan^y 25th 1856

Dr James Hall, Gen^l Agent, Md State Colⁿ society,

Dear Sir,

Your very full and satisfactory letter on the subject of Colonization, of the 2^d inst. was duly received, and the contents carefully examined, please accept my thanks for writing so fully on the subject — Your second letter of the 3^d inst. was also received, but for some cause did not come to hand until the 13th. In this letter you mention that Rev. Mr. Geely has succeeded in getting subscriptions in the State of Maine to the amount of \$15,000 to build a Ship for the Am. Colⁿ society, and that you had pledged \$5,000 for the Md State Colⁿ society, which with \$5,000 to be raised by the Am. Colⁿ society, making \$25,000, leaving still a considerable deficiency, as you state that it will cost a least \$30,000 to build the Maine ship of 600 tons — On the 10th inst. I received a letter from John H. B. Latrobe Esq^r — Pres^t of the Am. Colⁿ society, in which he mentioned amongst other things that there might be some doubt about Mr. Geely's success in his object, as the plan had been long on hand, on hearing this I made up my mind pretty much to give the sum necessary to build such a ship as is needed for Colonization purposes; so that your information as to Mr. Geely's probable success rather put me aback, and I understand that one ship is considered sufficient for Colonization purposes — I noticed in the Colⁿ Journal, that at some meeting in Maine it was resolved that their Ship should be built by the Citizens of Maine — I expect to be in Balt^e early in the spring, if nothing should happen to prevent it, when I will see you — Enclosed you will find one dollar, intended to pay for the Colonization

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