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Dr James Hall

Dear Sir

You esteemed favor of the 19th inst is just rec and its contents noted and in reply say that we think you have done under the circumstances just what we should have done. We should have been much pleased if your friend on the Eastern Shore could have been induced to mak up the amount after getting all we could in this State, and had the Ship built in Balto, but from your letter we suppose that could not be brought about. therefore we have not a word to [illegible] although we do feel very much disappointed and many of the [illegible] Colonization feel hurt to think that after so much interest has been got up that we should now fail in building her here. The building Committee had come to the determination some time since to advertise for proposals for building the Ship and the time for receiving them expired this day and had we not rec. your letter just as we did in all probability we should have close the contract and taken the responsibility but we feel well compensated in having set the ball in motion and in all probability bringing about the same result. In order to satisfy our subscribers to this enterprise I have taken the liberty to publish a part of your letter as being the best explanation that could be given them in regard to the whole matter, which I hope you will pardon me. I have

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