

Treasury Department  
Comptroller's Office  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 1856.

HAY

Dr James Hall  
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Sir

Your favor of the  
15<sup>th</sup> arrived yesterday, and was laid aside to  
take up; and answer, the first moment, I could  
attend to it; but that moment did not arrive  
during the day, and I did not return to the  
Office in the evening.

As to the modification of the contract (of which you  
sent a copy) I can only say, I have no knowledge  
of the size, form or tonnage proper, to give the  
ships, and I submit to whatever Messrs Latrobe  
and Yarnsey, shall decide in the matter.

My opinion however, is, that whatever modification  
has been agreed upon between the trustees and Mr  
Abraham, should be in writing, and executed in  
the same manner, and with the same solemnities,  
that were necessarily observed in the original  
contract. I do not suppose we are to have any

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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