16 II A23 National Hotel, Washington
Oct. 18. 1856.

Dr. James Hall
Dear Sir

If you look to the signature, you may recognize one whom you knew many years since, in school-boy days; but who has never had the pleasure of meeting you since. I have been interested in your labors in Africa & in behalf of those seeking there an asylum & a home. The cause commends my sympathy; & hearing today, as I pass through the city on my return South, that you are expecting to visit Liberia soon, I write to solicit you to do me a service there. And in order to your understanding what I desire, it will be necessary for me to go somewhat into particulars. Some years since, the Presbytery of Juniata to which I belong as an elder, finding a slave, within their bounds, of very uncommon capacity & acquirements & of apparent piety, became interested with others in the purchase of himself

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

13. May 1855--October 1857

1856