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19th Oct 1856

Dr James Hall

Dear Sir

Your letter has just come to hand & the contents notice you state that, what you said in your letter concerning the $40 laid out for the outfit of the Negroes I left with you was the truth, I did not say it was not nor did I intend to convey such an idea, I said that I did not see how it could take so much for real necessaries, & I say the same again, because I laid out $20 for them before they left home & the 40$ you laid out for them would make $60 which I think would dress a woman & 4 little Children pretty extravagantly, I did not know before that, Negroes sent to Africa needed to be dressed so very fine as though they were going to some Fashionable party, as to my promising to send some articles to your office for them, I recollect it well as you do, & should have done it, but I had other very important business to attend to, which kept me busily employed up to the time the Boat left for me to return home in, & that I had not time to redeem my promise, but was perfectly willing to pay you any reasonable amt that you might necessarily be compelled to lay out for them, as to the provision I spoke of for them, for 2 or 3 years, I claimed it unnecessary to speak of it in my last letter to you, as I had paid you a sufficient amt to transport & support them 6 months, I further have, in regard to this provision I shall speak of it when I please & not before it was my pleasure about it in every way, as you know no other Col, soc, has any thing to do with it, the Negroes are left entirely in my hands, but, you said that I

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