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Dr James Hall
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Dr Sir – As a friend & neighbor of Mrs Nancy Burum she has requested me to address you & to express the suppose she feels in the recp of the enclosed letter – purporting to be written for the family of slaves which she recently carried to your City & there emancipated them – She fears there is something wrong in the matter & cannot believe that her late servants would arrange her conduct so manifestly characterized by a generous course towards them all – Mr Burum left her 380$ to testified on that portion of the family belonging to him to meet all expenses & Mrs Burum in her advances exceeded that amt – Mrs Burum made every sacrifice to conduct her blacks safely to a point of departure for Liberia & she is conscious of discharging her whole duty to those to whom she has freely given their freedom – It is important that those who are entrusted to the care of the Colonization Soty should be respected & perhaps counselled by designing & mischievous persons & in justice to the Soty communications of the character of the enclosed should be known to its Agents –

Will you have the goodness to communicate the substance of this letter to the late Servants of Mrs B. that they may have the opportunity to know that go when they may – they will be followed by the sympathies & prayers of Mrs B – The connection of Mrs B fully acquainted in her recent ails – The brothers of Mr B. however may seek to possess themselves of a portion of the family willed free by his Testament & it will be wise to protect them should the occasion arise – In the recp of this & after you have seen the family please communicate with me in reply –

With Respect
Yr Obt Svt
W. Bosson

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II. Correspondence Received
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