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Government House.
Harper, Feby 14, 1857.

Dr James Hall.

Dear Sir:

I now avail myself of this moment of some leisure, to tender a formal reply to your note of the 16 ultimo. Your opportune arrival to the scene of your youthful pioneer service is fraught with the most lively interest. I can but regard your arrival as being providential. You have been pleased to tender your kind service at the disposal of this Government for which we feel truly grateful, from the fact of the accompanying Troops bearing incontestible evidence of the continued favors of the Maryland State Colonization Society.

Sir, as you see the ravages of war have at length visited us, but we cannot be too thankfull to Almighty God for his many favors toward us; and in behalf of that people who have been so fortunately colonized here by your noble for more than twenty years, beg that you would not withhold any counsel or advice which may, in your opinion serve to our welfare.

Sir, I shall be highly pleased to have a private Conference with you to day at 12 O clock, M. respecting matters with us as they are, to be benefited by your suggestions and Engagement in the premises. I shall be happy to have yourself and daughter dine with me tomorrow if convenient. Your company, sir, is solicited at any moment when other engagements does not interpose. And you may consider yourself the Guest of the State of M C in Liberia: hoping that during your stay among us nothing might arise to mar any of your expected plans.

I have the honor to remain
Yrs Truly.
B Drayton
Gov M C in Liberia

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