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53 Fayette St.
Baltimore May 8/58

Dr. James Hall
Agent of Maryland Colonization Society
Dear Sir –

By the will of the late John Johns of Baltimore county the following devise and bequest was made to the Maryland Colonization Society –

"Item. I give and devise unto the Maryland State Colonization Society, the sum of One thousand dollars; and also forever absolutely, a ground rent issuing out of a lot situated on Hollins street or Hollins alley in the city of Baltimore (payable semi annually) of twenty four dollars, which was bought from Carroll Spence by me".

The legacy of one thousand dollars will be payable after the expiration of the year allowed by law to settle up the Estates of deceased persons: the devise of the ground rent vests at once. The ground rent has heretofore been paid to April 29, 1858, by the present lessee Wm. T. Crimmin, and issues out of the lot, No 163 on Hollins St. You will find the lease on record in the Clerks office of the Superior Court in Liber A.W.B. No 359 folio 347 &c. The rent is paid in semi-annual instalments of twelve dollars each on 29 April, and 29 October of each year –

There is due you since the death of the testator to 29 April 1858 on said ground rent the sum of $7.93 from which is to be deducted the collateral inheritance tax paid on said devise, $7.50 leaving a balance due you of 43 cts, which will be paid over.

Yours obt servts
Stewart & Johns
Attys for the Executors of J. Johns

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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