

My dear Mr. Holl, U.S. & M.C. Col. Society

Dear Sir, Mr. James, from Monrovia Africa, was with me a few minutes yesterday 29th inst. before he left my place, Rev. Geo. Backus of the W. Prot. Church Baltimore, with me, stopped a moment at my place, said Gentleman gave Mr. James an urgent invitation to call on him. If the ultimate design is to peaceably separate the color, white race politically and socially, in my mind it is important that Mr. James if needful, remain a day or two longer in this city to have an interview with Geo. Backus, who has extensive influence among the Presbyterians favorable to evangelizing the color race in Africa.

The President Benson, I learn from Mr. James is to leave this City on the 3rd July for Africa, it is of some importance I should in his message to my son, (not that I learn he is suffering &c) please let me know by the bearer of this, if 2nd July will be time enough for me to ship a small box in the P. Benson for my son, if not I will have the same ready on the first, I am in feeble health not in a condition to leave home, unless compelled by urgent necessity. You will comprehend my allusion from the above by Repⁿ your Humble Serv^t J. Draper

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A. Letter Books

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