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Dear James Hall, I thank you for favoring me with the
 Extract from Mr. W. James letter to you, containing Mr. James opinion
 respecting the probable cost to build, or buy a suitable dwelling house for my son
 in Liberia. I at no time intimated to my son, that any circumstances, but that
 were favorable him to build, or buy a dwelling house in Africa, compatible
 with his notions of gentility. My impression is according to the nature
 of things in America, as well as in Africa, (money matters is the
 allusion of course) a house to cost 600 or 700 \$ cash should be
 sufficient for Edward's first accommodation. Edward will soon
 learn this my conclusion for the first time, in the communication
 I sent to him, in the last vessel that sailed from New York, a short
 time ago for Africa. I hope you what ever has read any of the letters
 I have received from Edward, but your self, if any desire to speculate
 about Africa, let such spend their money and send their children thither
 I advised Edward in my last letter to him, if such of the Libेरarians
 that sympathized with him, Dr. M. Gile and others, considered
 it advisable, as he as yet properly knows nothing about such
 matters, he may have \$300 more, provided the party or parties
 will take his individual promissary note at a long time
 for the balance \$300. I also stated that your self if necessity
 be the medium to transmit the money when needed, either
 in installments, or the whole amount at one time, as the contract
 may be, I my self knowing nothing about such transactions,

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