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Washington D. C.
December 21. 1868

Dr James Hall M. D.
Agent &c. &c.

Dear Sir

I found at the Colonization Rooms this morning your favor of the 17th instant, and note contents. I confess that I was not a little surprised to learn that the Executive Committee had remitted my own passage, only, by the Caledonia — and not that of Mrs Roberts and the Native boy. I had supposed from the tenor of Mr Coppinger's letter — though not definite — that the entire amount was remitted — but it seems that I was mistaken. I really thought there were some considerations which would have influenced the Committee to pass favorably upon the whole charge; and I am still inclined to think there may be some misunderstanding of the matter. I note, however, what you say in regard to the payments by yourself on making your last two trips to Liberia — but I do not regard that as conclusive that you had no claim upon the Society's generosity. And permit me to remark also, my dear Sir, that, in my judgment, you are quite at fault in your "feelings and opinion that I am as much able to pay the whole as the Society to remit it". At any rate, if as much able to pay I shall not now find it fully convenient. However, if so considered, I must, and will pay the whole. I desired Mr Coppinger, this morning, to request you to enclose my obligation to

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