

Mr James Hall

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Having heard that you were the proper person to apply to, I wrote you submitting the following statement, and shall endeavour to be concise, as you are a business man, I have a son whose mother (a mulatto woman, free and well raised the family being rich) took the insane notion to go to Liberia, I say insane because she had not be raised to Labor of any kind ~~she had~~ I have recently learned by letters from my boy that he on the death of his mother which occurred about 4 years ago had was bound to a Mrs. Tates whom he described as a most inhuman person; under these circumstances I take the liberty of writing you, hoping you will direct me how to proceed in this business, the boy mentions that you are in correspondence with McMill Brothers of Monrovia where he is apprenticed, and that they can procure his release, of course I expect there will be expensed attending it which I will meet, but hope they will not be inordinate as I am not well off, my business will appear by the inclosed card, it is a fluctuating one in this place and very arduous, please mention if an affidavit or power of attorney, or both are necessary, or if any formality has to be complied with, should you require a Reference here I shall supply it.

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