Baltimore Aug. 11th 1856

Rev. Wm McLain

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 8th covering Adams Exp. Co's receipt for a pkg. came to hand yesterday morning. In the hurry of getting the Schr off I neglected to go to the office & ask for the pkg. expecting it would be sent in before the receipts would get off. Our office was open till past 2 o'clock P.M. but nothing came. I this morning called at the office of the Exp. Co. but found nothing for me. This is the third week that has been detained by this Co. over the time of sailing of our vessels. The other two were put on at Norfolk the days before the Shirley sailed in Aug. terminating the lists. When the Schr sails please send the mail by the Cadet or packet Exp. as the disappointment of your efforts in Africa must be great by the meeting of the Methodist colored people. The Schr sailed yesterday morning about 11 O'clk.

My truly yrs

James Hall

P.S. If the pkg. comes to hand shall I return or retain it?