Office Md. State Col. Society
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Dear Sir,

I understand that proceedings have been instituted either in your County or Virginia Court to obtain a decision upon the proper construction of a clause in the will of the late Mr Isaac Wilson who died in the year 1854. The Maryland State Colonization Society claims the legacy under the clause in question, and I have respectfully to request you to appear for that Society, and to use your best exertions to secure for us the legacy which we think we shall show the intention of the Testator to bequeath to us.

The bequest is made I believe to the Colonization Society for the purpose of removing free people of colour. There is no doubt, having that purpose in view, and the Testator acquainted with Rome, and the Society acquainted with Rome, that he would either the American Colonization Society of Washington City, or "the Maryland State Colonization Society" but respecting by the Legislature of Maryland, the first Client somewhere about the year 1853, and the latter in 1851. On the death Mr Wilson has our Society in view, it became for years before his death, his most intimate friends & relatives