Sir

Leonard Town Jail St Mary's County
11th Feb. 1832

Herewith I present to your board an extract of the Will of William H. B. Sewall dec.d together with a list of the names &c of a slave called Moses manumitted by the deceased -

application was made this day at my office for "his freedom papers" when I put to Moses the questions you wish propounded to him to which I annex his answers and now present the Same to your board at your request

1st What is your employment? answer I am a Waiter to Mr Robert D. Sewall at Poplar Hill near Upper Marlboro Prince George's County

2d where do you reside? answer at Poplar Hill

3d what family have you? answer - none

4th are you willing to remove to the Colony of Liberia in Africa? If not, to what place, out of the States would you prefer to remove? Answer. I am not willing to remove to the Colony of Liberia - but wish to remove to the City of Washington in the District of Columbia.

I endeavored to explain to him the late law of Md. touching the subject and to show him the great advantage to him self if he consented to remove to Liberia - it had no effect to change his determination - I then put into his possession two small pamphlets which I thought were calculated to produce a change in his determination, I did not of course give him any Certificate of Manumission as I judge the law prohibits it in this case.

Very respectfully yours E. J. Millard Ref Mag

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