

useful citizens of the Maryland Colony.
I did not attempt to urge them to an
immediate decision in reference to a choice
of alternatives, but presented such plain,
and as I thought convincing arguments,
in favour of their emigration, that I can
not doubt will lead to a favourable result,
with that portion of them who are un-
trammelled in their marital relations,
and who are of sufficient age to estimate
the value of freedom.

I would suggest to the Board the
extreme injustice of condemning to slavery
for life the children of such parents as
may show affection for their husbands, per-
fect slavery with them, to liberty without
them. I have my fears, that should any
female parent (having a number of child-
ren under age) (and their several) prefer
remaining in this country, that the child-
ren would be condemned with the parent
without regard to their rights. Hence I
am anxious that the Board, who are
likely to be their only friends in this case,
should see that the children should
have justice done them. I have the
pleasure to submit to the Board a copy of the will
of the late Mr. Gosney with the names
and ages of the slaves in question.

It is almost needless to say to
the Board that Mr. Hance has visited
this country with a view to obtaining, if
practicable, the freedom of his children
and would no doubt be very thankful
for any advice or assistance which

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