

shall go about corresponding and communicating with many of the more prominent ones and make known your ideas. We feel that Gunn has compensated us by giving us such a long list of *Hydes*, and *Hides* who have left property both in and out of Chancery.

Our great and principal aim now is to find out what *relationship* or *connection* existed between Thomas Hyde of Annapolis and those Hydes who have left property, and we are now endeavoring to get this information through William Cullner, Esq., but require funds to the amount of

FROM THE HEIRS IN THE UNITED STATES.

You can see that by securing this information we would then be able to place a tangible starting point in the hands of a Chancery lawyer, who no doubt would then be enabled to complete the search in a more thorough manner, and prove whether we be the heirs or not.

Think well of this, and bring it to the notice of the heirs at once, so that no time is lost, and your speedy reply will oblige

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS A. JAMES.

To this letter I received no reply.

Mr. Gunn has not taken the trouble of going to the War Office and making a search as he ought to do, but he has written to the Private Secretary, and his reply was not very favorable owing to a press of business they have at the