But judge of our surprise & chagrin to find our coast lined with American bottoms, under the American flag, with true American Registers, & owners of American property as Cargo. Manned by a mixture of Americans, Spanish & Portuguese. Over three fourths of the vessels brought into this port by our cruisers for the past six months, are of this character. & consequently are discharged and pursue their business with impunity — Representations to this amount I know have been or are now being made to your government, & from that source only can we hope for relief. & for their action we wait with no little anxiety. But other measures ought to be taken by the friends of the African & humanity to circulate & agitate their action on an appeal to display affecting the rights of Women & their own honour. Do let me hope for that if any thing can be done by the united action of the bodies with whom you are associated to produce this result, that your utmost efforts will not be remitting.

With great respect & esteem
I have the honour to be
Your obt Servant —

J. Hall

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