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Rev. Dr. John Roots
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Washington Jany 13th 1844

My dear Sir,

I only received your letter this morning, being so occupied as not to send for my mail last evening. But I shall send this, by the cars, & hope you will receive it to night. I know Fiske, but not intimately, yet my impressions are wholly in his favor. I judge him to be an honest, active, amiable faithful man, & with some enterprize. I presume he has not a large capital but know nothing on this point. Perhaps he could command enough. He has correspondents in Liberia & long letters on all the details of trade. I should readily become connected with him, if I desired a partner - I like him much & think you will.

When I quote you, as good authority about Africa, or speak

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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