petent for the U. S. Govt. to act as a Mediator between Liberia & the British Govt. And to call to the remembrance of the British Authorities, the fact that the (tacit) recognition of the Sovereignty of Liberia by the former had been communicated to the latter in the correspondence of Mr. Upshur with Mr. Fox & Mr. Everett with Lord Aberdeen. And remonstrate with the British Govt. for their unwarrantable conduct — & urge them to follow the example of this country, which has all along considered Liberia an independent Community struggling into existence & entitled to enact & execute whatever laws are necessary to their welfare, & not inconsistent with the law of nations — & thus to let them remain unmolested.

I think that is fair ground & ought to be urged upon the Govt. any action, pro pro pono, from Boston would have weight & power.

The Committee passed a Resolve last night that I should see Louis McLane & make him sensible of all the facts & arguments in the premises, in order to his proper behaviour when he goes to England. So that unless I find him in this city in a short time you may expect to see me in Balt. — Can you tell whether he is at home & likely then to remain for eight or ten days?

I hope you will not fail to test the postage law as I requested in my last. —

I am sorry to make you read long a letter like this — but as you have listen — I will add — that since I wrote you last I have learnt that Mr Lewis has given plan to my small brand upon the "Steam Atalanta." There is therefore some hope, that some thing may be said if not done —

Yours truly
W. McLain

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A. Letter Books

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