and imprudently published in the Charleston and Columbia Papers, and this has it involved me in much difficulty — I have often thought of writing to you to know whether I could come to Baltimore without being sent back to Charleston or suffer any risk of being apprehended in Baltimore — and to this end I inquired of Rev. S. A. Payne relative to writing on to you for the very purpose, — and that no longer than the last week or the week before, whilst reflecting on this, whether I should do so. — A report reach me, that I had a box entrusted to my care which I made away with, — the report says a box of clothing, now for you know that I had a box in my possession belonging to Mrs Elliott and you know that, that is the only box ~~I~~ you are aware or have any knowledge of; and that is the only box I ever had in possession belonging to any body, — so that I am at a loss how to account for the report about this box, — the report says further that it was the property of the Colonization Society — and as such I am ~~suffering from~~ disposing the ~~[illegible]~~ of ~~to~~ good opinion of some of my white friends here

You will do me a favor by by justifying me in this matter, by writing to me and clearing me of this charge, so that I might not —

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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