Washington, July 25. 1848.

Dear Sir.

I have this morning received your note, for which I sincerely thank you. In order to avoid delay, I have sent (to Boston) the following paragraph, to be inserted in a foot-note. If I have gone beyond the limits you intended, in my use of your authority, I will recall the note at your suggestion.

"It was during the season of comparative neglect (from 1830 to 1840) [before referred to] & while the colony was in its lowest condition of prosperity & morals [by Mr Gurley's statement] that suspicions rested on some of the colonists, of connivance at the slave trade of the vicinity. It is true that "there was more or less smuggling of slavers' goods, selling of tobacco &c" to them, in defiance of the colonial laws; but it was "all carried on clandestinely, & under cover;" so that "no transaction of the kind could be traced out & proved." The administration at that time was wanting in vigor; but we feel authorized, from private assurance of the highest authority, to deny that the colony as such was ever more implicated in the traffic,

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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