His answers he informs me were to the point, and some of them expressed much satisfaction therein. He has been very assiduous in cultivating their friendship and good will. I have lost no opportunity to convince them of my sincere regard for them. If I get emigrants I shall be well repaid for the neglect I and my horse receive. The polite phrase is "there is no such word as fail" and since I am in media res I console myself often with a favourite line I found once in Cicero's Orations, or some where else, to this effect "It will never do to give it up so Mr Brown."

Day before yesterday I estimate 9 niggers who were in the hands of the Philistines attempted to escape. A man by the name of Murray, living near the factory, swore his life against the aforesaid 9, who he alleges had killed his cow & the sentence by the justice was, that they should give sureties in $50 each for their appearance at court, & to keep the peace for 6 Months, or go to jail. I appeared of counsel for the blacks & by look or by shook & hard begging I got the plaintiff to withdraw the cause of action which if he did, I told him I would pay the costs. I made them a speech in the Magistrates office, telling them of the necessity of living friendly together & made them all consent to shake hands. I improved the occasion by allusion to the prejudices against the Society & told them to at least try and believe that its agent was not a kidnapper as some ignorant blacks suppose, but that he happened just then to be a very seasonable friend to 9 squalid ragged poor devils who found if ~~just then~~ not within their power to find security in such an amount I pitied the poor wretches & while I defended them I was careful not to offend Murray; on the contrary

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A. Letter Books

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