Charleston - sailed at 4 P. M and arrived on an average about 10 A M: - in 2 days and 1 night - he said she was a fine vessel about 18 months old, could make 10 miles an hour against the wind, but did not know that the log had ever been thrown to test the speed that she had never broken any thing but her screw once in striking a bank, that Captain Wilcox who sailed her all that time had since had a propeller built and sailed with her to California - I understand that it takes 8 times the quantity of coal per hour or four times the quantity of coal pr distance or voyage in order to double the speed of a steamer say from 7 to 14 miles pr hour - less fuel will therefor carry a steamer to africa if run slower and less wear of boilers, and more freight room while on the other hand the longer voyage costs more for wages & provisions

In my last letter to you (of which I did not retain a copy) I should have explained to you, if I did not do so, why I had not before communicated with you ~~before~~ in relation to the business of our Comtee viz - that the capacity and character of the steamer which our Comtee should have in view would be necessarily modified not only by the consideration of what would be most desirable but also by the means which our Comtee might have reason to ~~obtain~~ available so as to be able to recommend the best measures which could safely be attempted and that ~~the~~ ~~measures~~ means would much depend on the success

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