New York June 19th 1854

Dr. James Hall
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Dear Sir

Since my last — what further information I have been able to gain, only confirms ~~that~~ previously rec'd from Mr. Collins, shewing his a rather low than high estimate of cost and that it would be a vain attempt to sustain a steamer without Gov't help — In an interview with Mr. Gurley I recommended, that a subscription should be obtained — to purchase & run a steamer or ~~other vessel~~ Sailing Ship — a steamer in preference, provided it shall be ascertained that she can be supported by her earnings or provided the Gov't will contribute sufficient to support her otherwise Sailing vessel — as a steamer will cost to purchase & run as much as 2 clippers and not carry pr. voyage over one fourth the quantity the 2 clippers would —

Mr. Jno. A Machado who just sent out the Mary Varney sends another vess. in a few days he offers to run one Monthly to Liberia provided the Soc'y will guarantee him $1000 pr. or passage per voyage, ~~and~~ this looks like something that may be easily managed & give us a Monthly line — in case we should not be able to get aid from Gov't for a steamer —

Subscriptions for clipper line —

Do you think the proper time has come yet to apply for Gov't aid or should the subscriptions be had first — if you see Mr. Latrobe please get his opinion also —

Yours Resp'y
Wm. Schieffelin

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