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U. S. Flag Ship Constitution
Porto Praya Feby 18th 1855

Dear Sir

Feeling a great interest in all that concerns the advancement of Liberia, I enclose to you three documents, No 1. 2. & 3 being most singular letters from some of the Emigrants who came out in the Euphresia, all having the Consuls certificates attached.

From what I can learn, the difficulty on board the E, originated in her having a black crew, who worked upon the imaginations of the emigrants until the women became almost frantic, with the fear of being sold into slavery The Captain or rather Master of the E, was paralized after the second day out, the Mate, who it appears was a most efficient officer, was overruled by the Negro Crew, his orders disregarded ~~and the forward part of the ship became almost if not quite a brothel~~ I feel called upon to say how much I am astonished, that a ship sailing from a slaveholding state should have had such a crew selected for every Southern Gentlemen

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11. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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