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Mr James Hall.
Baltimore.

New York Oct 20th 1855

My Dear Sir.

The Rev. D. B. Winney has informed us that you are in want of a "double deck vessel to transport Passengers and Cargo" from Hampton Roads to Liberia. We think we can furnish such a vessel well calculated for the business if you will acquaint us with the number of Passengers and amount of "Cargo" Also the number of Days the vessel would be required to lay in Hampton Roads & Liberia. And the highest price you will pay for each Passenger and per foot and T.M. for Cargo.

In consequence of European Freight having advanced very rapidly in our Market (and they are still advancing) we think you will have to pay much higher Rates than has been been paid in the same business for the last 12 months.

Very Resp in service
Gates & Pringle

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