This a Matter that still remains to be adjusted & settled is that justice may be meted out to all parties. I hope this will be the last of the emigrant system on our Coast & I might add on every other Coast for there has been no good in it on our Coast. The circumstance of so many human lives being taken is a matter of regret; in addition to the Crew (11) who were killed, I learn that some 12 or 15 of the emigrants were killed by the Crew before they were over board

There is much more I could say on the subject, but I will defer until the Matter progresses more toward an issue. The present is pronounced a good oil season which is very desirable for the relief of our Merchants, I close this hasty sheet by subscribing myself Most respectfully yours &c &c

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