

practicable, and expedient, and on the whole wise, to divide the steerage by a partition, so as to put the north on one side, and the south on the other? The cost would not be great. But would it seriously interfere with ventilation? And would it produce bad feeling between the different ends of the ship?

Could the steerage be divided into three or four compartments?

Mr. James thinks that very important advantages would be gained by such an arrangement, if there are not fatal objections. Dr. Laing fully concurs.

The partitions need not be permanent. You will understand the matter at once.

Yours, truly,
Joseph Tracy

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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