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Monrovia August 31, 1860

Dr James Hale
My dear Sir,

I am too busy to write more than a line or two and yet I cannot let the Benson sail without that line or two to you.

We are in the midst of a scene of excitement unprecedented in the history of Liberia. On the 21st August the Prize "Storm King" was brought into our roadstead, having been captured off the Congo River by the United States Steamer "San Jacinto" with 659 slaves on board. Three died on the passage here, & 656 were delivered to me as U.S. Agent for Liberated Africans, by Lieutenant Hughes commanding the Prize. We got ashore in the evening and I could only say my prayers. The next day the first naked savages were landed — not known before I had purchased calico & afforded each a covering. While I was on board the notorious "Storm King"

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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