Liberated Africans have been sent upon an officer's recommendation in the last three months, and there are now [illegible] in addition to the three ships from Key West. If it be the design of our American friends to swamp Liberia, it is only necessary to continue landing them at the same rate. As their distribution at a time of $100 is given, this for the present proves a sufficient inducement for our people to receive them, it is indeed the principle inducement — the sum is now being paid in monthly instalments, and while it is being paid the emigrants will be cared for, but at the expiration of one year the allowance ceases, and then the majority of them will have to shift for themselves. I have not time to enter at length into the subject, nor is it necessary with you.

We ought to receive them. The only fear the plan of doing so that presents itself to my mind, is that of founding settlements, the appointment of governors or superintendents, the employment of a few men as managers and instructors, a small force to serve as a garrison &c &c. Liberia has no money to meet the expense. Will the U. States government furnish the means? We do not intend taking any of the liberated Africans.

We feel pretty well satisfied now that J. J. Roberts will be our next President. Benson will likely be nominated again, but will be beaten by Roberts.

The British consulate is removed from Liberia, and will not be re-established until there is a change of administration. The dissatisfaction of the British government has grown out of Benson's having discharged the English seamen who brought out the "Quail" and of having thrown them on the British Govt for support. The Eng. Govt protested against it some six months ago, no notice has been taken of the matter by our government, altho it is so clear that we have acted with injustice as well as with ingratitude, I can't see but that we deserve the treatment we are receiving. One British seaman was discharged from the Quail without pay because he was sick — he died, without having received the slightest care or attention from our government.

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