I had nearly forgotten to say a word respecting friend Leys, his future hopes projects &c — Liberia is to be acknowledged at once, and a Charge de Affairs appointed by Lincoln. The U. S. Agent for Recaptured Africans has made his report touching Congoes landed here, and in that report has "gone it blind", of course he wins our gratitude, and becomes the best man in the world to represent the American government here: he manages to stand fair with all men, all parties, and deserves credit for the skill he has displayed in doing so.—

It is reported here that the quality of the Palm Oil on the Bassa coast is greatly improved — having received none from that direction since October last, we are unable to pronounce upon it. Roszel has been spending some three or four weeks with us, is greatly improved in health &c — he reports the quality of Oil as being decidedly bad at Nifoor, Sassy town and Grand Sess. Our Oil when cleansed of all impurities at a loss of one third the quantity, sells in England at from 25 to 33 p. c. less than the Lagos Oil; the Oil is said to be made black by the heating required for cleansing, and is called Coffee Oil.

Your war operations puzzle conjecture out this way; it seems clear however, that the Federal government must emancipate the slaves, and use them too, before they can triumph over the rebels.— the slaves aid the rebels; they work to support their armies in the field, and so long as their masters hold their own against the government will fight for them. Fremont, Phelps, & Jim Lane were disposed to adopt a course that promised success to the Federals, the two former have been dismissed — Well! but, one can venture to predict that your government will be glad to procure similar characters before the war closes. Slavery has caused it, slavery continues it, and reconstruct as you may, whilst slavery continues you are likely to remain a divided people.

Can the Southerners do more than they have done as rebels, are they not bitter, uncompromising enemies to the government? do they hesitate at any thing, any act that gives them the advantage? would they not gladly crush you at any cost to themselves or their country? can any rational person doubt it? and yet with the most unmistakable proofs of the most deadly hatred toward the government, they are spared, they are tenderly dealt with, their Constitutional rights are respected.

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