If you ~~can~~ think that the "Stevens" or else some vessel chartered for the purpose will be sent out by you to arrive on the coast at some time in July — the "Stevens" arrival is however, in our opinion out of the question. — Why should you incur the expense of chartering a vessel to come to the coast, when you have no assurances that produce can be procured beyond the capacity of the "Palmer" to take? — better for that any excess of Oil should be landed until some chance for shipping it presented; and even if you have Ships to ship, better to send it as freight in some vessel than make a heavy outlay for Charter without the certainty of remunerative freights in return. There is nothing very encouraging in the present state of markets to warrant or justify great risks — If you can manage to live now or for a while then live and hold on.

Events that transpired in the U. States in Feby & March last must have had the effect to cheer your spirits somewhat and to alter the gloomy cast of your thought. — Right and Freedom will prevail. President Lincoln will yet come out all right, he is sagacious, prudent, yet his purposes are fixed and will be worked out. Either your Union or Slavery must be sacrificed, the South will fight to retain the latter, the North the former; numbers, strength, wealth principle are on the side of the latter, it is unreasonable to doubt the issue. Maryland will now of course go for Emancipation with compensation — to decide otherwise will be the madness of folly! — but what compensation may be more than the South deserves, should their obstinacy deprive them of it, it will be but a just retribution for the damning wrongs inflicted by the blacks and that they now only fight to perpetuate — but Slavery will be abolished!!

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