Wd English Mail.

Monrovia September 3. 1862

Dr. Sir. Hall

Baltimore Md. Dear Doctor

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Your favor was duly received per Bg "Lucina". Your Brig "Palmas" being at this port on the arrival of the Barque, your consignment of provision for her was at once transferred outside — Book & pictures for Mr deRandamie received — we also beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Portrait, Silk dress pattern, Ladies work box & Canes.

I am very much gratified in the receipt of your likeness, which I consider very striking and life like, the resemblance perfect: if the merit of a painting of this kind rests mainly on its being a faithful portraiture of the original in outline, expression &c then this deserves high praise. I may not be a connoisseur, yet if I might venture to pronounce upon its merits, I should say that the finishing touches are rough, harsh abrupt; the hand is rather large — it is a picture to which "distance lends enchantment to the view;" a close inspection produces the impression that the paint is laid on too profusely. Compared with its vis a vis (Sheppard) I should pronounce yours the best likeness his the best painting; the painter of yours, displays genius; of this, higher art — your painter catches the exact likeness in the rough and only requires the art of softening down or polishing off, without impairing the correctness of his picture — there, I guess I have done enough in the way of criticism for an Ethiopian neophyte — It is peculiarly gratifying to us all to have your portrait. I have long desired it and value it highly, and tender my grateful acknowledgements for the patience and endurance you must have been called upon to practice whilst you were being done.

The Silk dress exactly suited the person for whom it was ordered Work Box ditto — I thank you for having presented that cane to the Hon Chas. Sumner.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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