Ex Ship "M. C. Stevens"

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Monrovia Liberia Nov 1st 1863

Dr. James Hall
Baltimore.

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Dear Doctor,

Since being informed by your son that he had no funds upon which he could draw in England for Rosin and whilst abroad, we have not said any thing to him respecting the balance due us on private account until yesterday. We have requested, and he has promised to arrange with you to send us the Amount of that balance in good, long leaf, small head Kentucky Tobacco, by the "Stevens" if she returns immediately or else to purchase it in New York and forward it by one of Sales & Porterfields vessels. We shall accordingly be relying on you to supply us with say 4 Hhds Tobacco weighing each from 17cw to 20cwt lb. We prefer large sized Hhds. from our having observed that they generally contain the best Tobacco.

Please inform Mr Sales in that we have received his communication dated 13 Mo. last enclosing the Note of J. A. Moore Jr &c. Please say to him that Moore Senr. has evaded as yet, coming to an understanding about the matter: Moore Jr, will I believe settle the claim whenever he can raise the means. Father & son promised to meet me tomorrow, and if it be practicable I will obtain their joint note for the several amounts due, after which, the necessary steps can be resorted to, to compel its payment.

Your son had the "Palmas" loaded, has discharged from her shipping on board the "Stevens" some 20.000 gallons of Oil. The Captain clears for Baltimore, notwithstanding your son has striven to induce him to go to New York: it was our purpose to have shipped six or eight thousand gallons to New York, but we decline sending it to Balto.

The Captain of the "Stevens" declares himself unable to dispense with the services of his Chief Mate, or of Staley to take charge of, and navigate the "Palmas" to Liverpool or else large wonld have taken passage our in the Ship.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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