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New York May 6th 1865

Dr James Hall

My Dear Sir.

I see that the Government is discharging large numbers of chartered vessels, no longer needed by it. The time seems to me propitious for purchasing a substitute for the M. C. Stevens, if as I suppose business is slack and vessels lie idle. As soon as the financial Secretary returns from the W. Indies, the subject might well be taken up for consideration & action.

If 300 have gone in the Cora 10,000 are yet near the point of starvation in the same Island many of whom would be glad to follow.

The certain return of peace — the opening military cordon, and the misery of the mass of the newly emancipated may before the summer ends furnish the long an opportunity to gather a company for Liberia this side of Barbadoes.

Our Board have decided for the present to let affairs here remain in status quo for another year, leaving me at liberty to go & to do at pleasure. My letters from the Valley show continued high water & my partner writes Apr 28 "I can see no use of your coming on till you get ready". I had intended to

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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