great and expensive changes in the ship, to enable her to pass inspection. But if she gives out for repairs, which must be made soon, and can be most advantageously made in Liverpool, that alters the case. Perhaps you can add, that she can be spared now, better than in May.

Lovett was here yesterday. He admits the advantage of repairing in Liverpool. Still, he is not sorry that he declined going in her. The satisfactory character and the expense of the repairs at Liverpool will depend very much on the captain, as he knows by experience, and if the captain does ever so well, the owners may think that he might have done better. I thought, however, that he betrayed a consciousness that he could do that delicate job better than most captains, and that he should take some comfort in showing it. He was very curious to know who is to command her. There were several that wanted her. He said nothing about their fitness; but I thought he did not consider any of them quite equal to himself. He supposed that her timbers were in good condition under her copper, but the upper wood work needed examining. He appears to feel very pleasantly towards you. Roberts and Laing say he was perfectly temperate on the voyage home, and had no contrary reputation in Monrovia.

Yours as ever,

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