In regard to Capt Lovett, I hope he will comply with the ship should return to Liberia. I doubt if a person will be able to find a better man to command the ship, as Capt Barton only has equally as much, but having become acquainted with Capt Lovett, I would prefer his continuance. In regard to the complaints of the slaves against him, I think the family the Catechists of the passengers in his favor should be quite sufficient to satisfy all interested. That Capt Lovett is a very suitable person for the ship I feel assured of. The friends of the Negro in the North in their commendable zeal for our cause don't look properly into matters before coming to conclusions. While I have sympathy in anything that looks like oppression & wrong upon my race, yet I can see that the Negro has many imperfections that need to be corrected. A few months ago I was on board one of the English mail steamers in company with two or three other Liberians. The Captain kindly invited us on the quarter deck and was very pleasant & gentlemanly toward us. And so were the white passengers on board. While in conversation with these so-