are earnest & strong in their convictions. Notwithstanding your arguments in favor of continuing Capt. Daniels & your convictions that on fair representations he would reform if retained as master of the ship, yet the Committee felt impelled to take the course they did, and they are not disposed to recede from their decision. However well Capt. Daniels may have performed his duties on shipboard at sea the Com. are assured that he was in no fit condition to command a vessel down the bay, and his condition while at Norfolk was such as to cause deep regret & apprehensions among our friends, & Mr. Dennis although he expressed himself favorably in regard to Capt. Daniels in other respects yet felt it his duty as agent of the Soc. to advise a change on account of his habits while on shore at Monrovia. Their decision may therefore be considered final — & you must act accordingly. I am sorry for it — the duty is a most unpleasant one. But how can I, how can you help it?

Yours most truly
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