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Col. Rooms,
Wash. 29 May 1860

My Dear Sir

I expect to leave here at 3.20 tomorrow P.M. & shall have to go through to N.Y. — I should like to see you for a night but cannot lose the time. Our ships have to be at Key West 1 July, or we pay daily demurrage! I could not help it! So I must start them quick. I have today one ship offered to carry them all at \$20,000. The Govt. are not willing that we should send them all in one ship. They prefer two or three. I have a ship of 1023 tons offered at \$10,000 — Carried by law 431 — or they will fix her to carry 500 if the Collector will appraise, & run her for \$11,000. I am consenting to the same, & am now trying to get a ship

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