circumstances continue for some years, induces the friends of Liberia to attempt the immediate cultivation of that article, as being not only the most profitable product, but one which will tend greatly to enhance the importance of that little Republic in the estimation of the Commercial world.— A question very difficult of solution at once arises, viz: that is, the obtaining of Cotton seed — for which we can only look to the South, & until recently with little hope of success.— Since the capture of Port Royal — I have noticed in the papers that there is, on Hilton Island, a quantity of unginned cotton, & it is believed that the refugee slaves will at once be set to work in getting it ready for market. — It occurred to me to apply to the Prize Department at Washington to order a quantity of the seeds to be sent to our address, either here or in New York, that it might be sent out in good season, & insure its being planted early in the coming spring. — But the delays in passing what may be too aptly, called the "circumlocutory office" deterred me from that course.— Another course struck me as being more practicable, if practicable, & appealing to you to request Genl. DuPonts to order a few bbls. of seed shipped to New York. —

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