Baltimore, March 7th 1859

Rev R. R. Gurley,

My dear Sir; I regret that I should have caused you so much trouble in enjoying Mr Seys complaints about the Ship, & I hardly know whether it is worth while now to add anything to what I said in a former letter, or if you expect or desire it. But inasmuch as the letter of Mr Sey has been read to the Executive Committee, perhaps it would be as well to make a few remarks merely to shew that all, proper preparations were made & all measures taken before the sailing of the Ship to insure a pleasant & comfortable time for the Liberian passengers.

In the first place, the Ship is only fitted to take fifteen cabin passengers comfortably, having 7 double berth State rooms & 1 single. At the time of or previous to her sailing no other passenger vessel was leaving our ports for Africa, & we felt bound to take all that we possibly could, especially as the last applicants happened to be those who must go, & among them was Mr Sey himself. Also Dr Laing & Lady, who till a few days before her sailing expected to go in Roy vessel from N.Y. We thought we could accommodate all tolerably well, nor doubt have they all been assembled together & the circumstances of the case made fully known to them, they would have unanimously decided that no one should be denied a passage. Now the question was what arrangement should be made. We first thought of making a temporary Cabin in the Steerage to enter by the after hatch, separate from the Steerage entrance, or fore main hatch. This plan was given up from apprehension of the small pox, which not unfrequently comes on board with Steerage passengers. We finally made arrangements with the mate of the Ship to give up their State rooms. We built a Stove room below, & into the deck Stove room made berths for the Mate & two passengers. We then made arrangement with the Steward to give up his small State room, which he afterwards regretted & in consequence left the Ship on the eve of sailing. All were thus provided for, except one lady Miss Kilpatrick, & it was decided that she should occupy the bath room nights, but be liable to removal in the

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