day time if baths were required. This much for local arrangements, now for speculation. 1st. The flour. The ordinary shipping flour such as all vessels use for stores is branded "Superfine" – Above this grade comes "Extra" at an advance of 75c to $1 – Above this "Family" costing about $1.50 above Extra. We have always used "Extra" on board the Ship, & never before had complaint of it. We purchased that brand this voyage of the most honest & fair dealing house in Baltimore viz Newcomer & Leonhardt. If it was bad it was not our fault, & we can only regret it. 2nd, The Steward. We could not force our old Steward to go, & when he left did the best we could. We requested the Shipping Master to get us the best Steward to be had in port at any price. She found the one sent at $25. per month. If he had been a swindler I know not, but he had sailed out of this port for the last six years as Steward & came well recommended. It never occurred to us to ask if he could read, as not one in a dozen can, but I cannot think the passengers suffered severely from this cause. 3rd. Of the bath room I have spoken, & I will only remark that Mr Says never proposed the Atlantic in a vessel with a bath room and bathing accommodations before he went in the Ship – neither did I ever – & you are aware it is a luxury, rather than a necessity; but it seems Mr K. did not permit the passengers to suffer too severely. If the tank got out of order, it certainly required no great stretch of ingenuity to bring the hose through the dead lights as it seems they did. As to the passengers being forced to bunk, if they did so occasionally, I doubt not it was for their benefit, but that they habitually did, I do not believe. If a passenger wanted a bath when "the crew were moving sails," very possibly they were requested to wait till the job was over. As to the matter of the Captain's plan of discharging cargo outside the Capes at Sierra Leone, it seems that it was not the knowing of the passengers, nor do I conceive the Capt was bound to sail

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