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Mr Phinney.

Mr Interpreter — we come to complain to you. Shaps is a quiet note Scamen. He industrious, respect Shaps husbands, honest, faithful & economical — Offer Do goods — But he is rather a simple minded man. neither empty or light headed, & excited. puffed up with his position without — From all I can learn of his case this campaign I hold determined to make a change — As to his opposition to the emigration reading the "Billy" Bible I suppose you mean, & religious books I do not believe it. By the bonds & thoughts strong protestant scamen, that enough to induce a change — & so he is — But Brother Phinney, don't you & I know how impossible it would be for the minister of such independent character to stand the charges & discharges of the many whispers of a cabin full of more fidgety nigrinnies, with nothing else to do but concert a Perpetrator — Hence it would stand of the Reids — — Bible only write this bond, that on his way to kill Pegan he had shot a Pole — "Shot at a crow & killed a cat in the window" — Nasty Shell trump — if he ever gets in or on transport ground —

Truly yours Thomas Shell

Do tell him Sorry Stream lost. Pegan & the Moon. Spare no expense getting you his Apparition!

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