Baltimore April 23d 1859

Revd J. L. Wilson
Liberia

My dear Sir. I regret to say our Ship is not got in, but daily expected. I may say hourly expected. However, we have not yet heard of her having sailed for home. Our last advices from Liberia were date some after her departure down the Coast. Our last from Cape Palmas, where the Steamer now touches, Friday 15 whence the Stevens had sailed off the Coast some days previous. So we are & shall be in the dark till she comes right —
The two men Amos. came into the office this morning, & fine sensible looking men they are, I find that they are destined to go in the Steerage, which I exceeding regret. You know how our Steerage passengers fare, have they much fare. Correctly to say the least. There you know too, what class of people we have to take, many or mostly ignorant & strong. Stupid, ignorant & filthy. — You know they must all be put into the same Steerage, cooks together, & fare alike. Our Ship has Spacing & airing between decks, & is well ventilated, & has three hatchways besides four fore & aft ventilators; in fact is well arranged for the passage for which she was built, not for a Steerage passenger. & men, like those I saw this morning disliking more than white men to herd with others so differently bred as we most of our emigrants —

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