then again the effort in Liberia is hard. You know
how entirely they are influenced by Shame & position.
what false views they entertain in regard to what constitutes
respectability, how ready they are to find fault with
others when have been their masters. & how jealous they
are of a slight or underestimate of them of their race
& colour. The Ship last voyage carried out some dozen
white Emigrants, some with their wives & families, all
went in the Cabin. This time, on the most average,
a half dozen should Emigrants of equal respectability,
& perhaps intelligence, but by similar Friends or Operatives
go in the Steerage - The result is not good but
decidedly, hard & not cheerfully, hard - I beg you
will not infer from what I write, that the Emigrants
among speaking the question or made any complaint,
they did not, but when they come to go on board,
& when they get out there & ever after, I know they
will feel it - I do beg you will understand that I
would not represent to them that they ought to go
in the Cabin; & you know I am not disposed to
pet this class of people or make too soft beds for
them, if she claim to have the life upon a cast
for the love of God or Humanity, & you know too, that
I have worked the hardest & lived the poorest of that
the feelings which these people may entertain & that I know
the Liberians to entertain, on such matters meets with no
Patience or Sympathy from me. yet I take the matter
as I find it, & despise Effeminacy - I do hope you can
make it convenient to send these people in the Cabin -

I write this as a private letter & am sure you will not infer from it that I wish to be rude or disrespectful to you.

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