suggestions more than to express my confidence that your experience has taught you that a mild, uniform, systematic course is better than alternate laxity, violence & harsh words.

Treatment of Emigrants — At each voyage you will receive on board a number of Steerage passengers, the objects of the bounty & care of the Society; many are free people & others manumitted slaves: of all ages, characters & habits of their class - Most of them however unaccustomed to take proper care of themselves & ignorant of the habits of the world. They will need special care & direction. Towards them you will probably never have occasion to exercise severity or restraint. During the many years of the operations of the Society, not an instance of insubordination or resistance to the orders of the Master of our emigrant vessel has ever occurred. They only require a knowledge of the conduct & duties expected of them & repeated directions as to their execution. I am sure you will find no difficulty in carrying into effect all regulations you may deem necessary to adopt in regard to them. I made the first voyage in the Ship myself & paid much attention to the matter of feeding & care of the emigrants & communicated my views in detail to Mr McLain the Financial Secretary of the Am. Col. Society, not then knowing that I should have any further connection with the business of the Ship. I hand you herewith a printed copy of my letter, which so far as practicable please make your own guide. You will find much assistance from Mr Haley, the Cook, a man of much experience, ability & integrity. He has found it convenient to make

some alterations in my plan of operations

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