or the Society's Agent Mr Dennis as to the number it will be best to take with you down the coast. I think you will find the Iron ballast sufficient while on the coast, but if your freight home does not come up to 80 tons you will have to make it up with stone or sand.

Water — You will find it best to fill your water tanks at Sinoe on your way up the coast. Should your provisions not hold out, supply yourself where you can to the best advantage. Should you have a surplus of any perishable articles, or more than you think you will need on your passage home, you may sell it at Monrovia on a/c of the Ship.

Time & Despatch — The utmost despatch should be used in all your operations. The expense of the Ship in commission, cannot be estimated at less than $40. per day, exclusive of food & passengers, & an average bringing it up to $50. even after the discharge of the emigrants. You will therefore bear this in mind & of course make the time of the voyage as short as possible. Our fixed times of sailing are May & Nov 1st, of each year, & it is to be hoped another instance will not soon occur in which the Ship shall fail to make the voyage in five months.—

The foregoing with the detailed regulations in regard to the care of Steerage passengers, which I hand you herewith, embody all that it occurs to me at this time as important to say, although I am conscious that I have omitted to speak of many things equally important with a part of what I have written. In our frequent conversations in regard to the voyage & the duties devolving upon you, I have touched on many points, which

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