

Washington Oct 17/59
Mr John B. Simpson
West Point
N.Y.

Dear Sir

Yours of 15th inst is recd.
The ship M. S. Thomas will sail
on Sat. 22d. Tomorrow & please find
note of her prices.

It gives me pleasure to learn that
you intend visiting Africa your
homew but as you fail to state what
your purpose being there for a time
I should it is impossible for me to
decide what information will best
suit your individual case. Were I
a man of color knowing all I know of
about Africa, nothing but the love of
freedom, a desire to live in a tropical
climate could induce me to go there.

True freedom is ^{also} worth going for -
I send you a few pamphlets which
may be of interest.

Very yours
James Bell
No. 44. 1/2 St.

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