Baltimore October 29th 1832

Gentlemen,

In pursuance of the conversation held Saturday last with Mr. Ch. Howard on the subject of employing my ship Lafayette in transporting passengers to Liberia, I beg leave to offer you said ship on the following terms:

She is 262 tons & having carried upwards of 3000 Barrels would be able to carry with ease & comfort 157 Passengers. (3 to every 5 tons)

1° I propose to carry that number or not less than 150. at the rate of $16. each, say: for $2400. they supplying themselves with water, fire wood, provisions of every kind, beds & bedding, & erecting at their own expence the fixtures necessary for their accomodation between decks; Each passenger to be entitled to the bulk of 5 cubic feet for baggage; all beyond that to pay freight at the rate of $1.- per Barl.;

2° or, I will take $3000. for the use of the ship, reserving the Cabin & the room of 500 Barls in the lower hold;

3° or, I will take $3500. - reserving no part of the hold.

The ship to wait here until 20th of November next, & to be allowed 5 days in Liberia to land her passengers &c. —— Demurrage to be $20. here, & $30 in Liberia for each running lay day. —— Primage 5%.-

The ship Lafayette is only 5 or 6 years old, coppered & copper fastened, sails very fast, & is in every respect a first rate ship, uncommonly well calculated for carrying passengers, being upwards of six feet between decks.

An early answer would oblige your obt. obt. servt.

Wm. Lafitte

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