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Dear Friend.

I write in haste at 11 P.M. to state that I have just returned from a very interesting visit to an old Mandigo man in company with John Sheaw, J. Coffin & ~~the~~ Sheaw and he conversed fluently and readily in the Susoo language - and it was hard to tell which of them was the most pleased - The old man is nearly 80 years of age speaks several African languages - French - and English the latter very imperfectly - If he should be wanted we will send him on - he is very anxious to go - Every hour's intercourse with Sheaw has increased our regard for him - he is a noble man and his life has been one of extraordinary interest -

<sup>His knowledge</sup> He speaks Spanish very well; we have suggested that ~~they~~ <sup>it</sup> may be of service to our cause in detecting any misrepresentation on the part of the Spaniards and their African interpreters - if such should be attempted - <sup>we</sup> and have advised him not to let his knowledge be known to the opposite side -

He carries with him excellent recommendations - which might be indicated - if there had been time - Whatever may be the event of this case - if there is any opening for Sheaw, whereby he may render a service to himself and the cause of Humanity I trust you will point it out - He is very poor and almost without employment at present -

D.P. Brown has written to Baldwin of New Haven, and waits for his reply before going on - He says the grand jury must find a bill and <sup>then</sup> ~~from~~ the attorney general must give 48 hours notice - before the trial can proceed - I called this evening on P.S. Duponceau he regrets much not having either of the volumes - but referred to Broodick's travels in Africa, which contains a number of



Vocabularies and is in Philad<sup>a</sup> Library - Gene Callie's travels  
are also there and can be had to morrow - if needed we can forward  
them by Dr Brown -

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Very truly Thy friend,  
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Gene Rowland  
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about the 17th of Nov

Dr. Bowditch has not thought it worth while to reply  
to John Lergant - he has of late taken no active part in  
our slave cases, or the like business - and is rather declining  
labouring practice -

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