

Capt Wheeler



New Haven Conn

Oct 11. " 1870

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> with papers was received this morning too late for the boat. I have seen the clerk of the Court & he says that he did not see the affidavits or the signature of Judge Hitchcock & therefore can give no certificate as requested until he can see the papers & attach the certificate to them.

I therefore enclose the papers to you again. I have no time now to give any particular notice of the Africans. The attempt to give them a talk on religious matters last Sabbath was successful in gaining their attention & in conveying to their minds the truth presented. They all knelt in prayer very devoutly & made some enquiries. G. C. Day of whom you enquire is apt Prof in Yale College & has been with

Prof Hill very anxious in efforts to get the history & the  
language of these men.

Jingua has confessed as much as this, that  
he owed a debt & gave a man for half of it, but not  
being able to satisfy the balance the claim was violently  
seized himself. This is not to be wondered at. We know  
that the cupidity & all the evil feelings of the human heart  
are excited in the hearts of the ignorant Africans by  
civilised men to urge them to mutual <sup>war</sup> reprisals  
for the purpose of advancing the accursed system  
of slavery in Christian lands.

What shall become with James & Charles  
the Interpreters from the Russians? Shall they remain  
or be sent down to the Barb.?

Truly Yours  
A. Townsend

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New Haven Oct. 11/39  
returning Certificate  
W.H.