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Lewis Tappan Esq,

My Dear Sir, I have just had an interview with Dr. Madden, from Havana — a member of the mixed Commission Court, as you know. His testimony in the case of the Africans, it seems to me, will be very important. The agent of the barracoon (el misericordia by name!) where Jimena & his companions were sold as Bozal or African negroes confessed to him that he knew them to be such as such. Of course he is well acquainted with all the details and subtrefuges of the slave trade and the laws of Spain in regard to it. He will be in New York soon, and can probably be prevailed on to stay, if his testimony is desirable. I will write that you may lose nothing by not knowing that such testimony is at hand. — He will, also, if encouraged make

important revelations in regard to our Council Trust.
It seems to me important that no time should be lost
in getting his facts before the public mind in order
to forestall Trist who is on his return and is a
tremendous pull-driver. Dr. Madden is at present
at the Fremont House.

Yours truly - in haste

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respected Dr. Madden
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