



New Haven Oct 30 1879.
11^o Clock Bell.

Dear Sir

I have just recd yours of today. I came too late to see any body, or do any thing to night, but will attend to what is useful in the morning.

In conversing with Mr Baldwin on the best of your former letter he said that a subpoena was not a compulsory process & that it would be of no avail unless the person on whom it was served was willing to appear. it being merely a notice to appear at court. Whether James or Charles would be willing to remain unless compelled, I don't know. If not, & a compulsory process can be issued then he must be shut up. Would this be desirable? My present opinion to night is, that if neither of them would voluntarily remain they had better go down in the morning & then the committee in New York might prevail, by the aid of Capt Fitzgerald to persuade one of them to return. They might be more willing to return after a visit to their shipmates as they came up with the expectation of staying but a few days.

I apprehend the moral difficulty in their consenting to remain from the difficulties that have arisen between Peruleton & them. I shall see Mr Baldwin in

the morning before the boat goes & determine the matter
Send this letter if I can in season.

Serry is not of any service if James or Charles
remains. If they go, perhaps he might be. Of the two
I should rather think James had better be kept. For
although Charles seems to understand the officers
perfectly & can communicate freely with them, his
English is too poor to make himself understood with
any readiness.

Another of the poor creatures died today.
having been sick ever since his arrival here & was
reduced to a skeleton.

Mr Day tells me that an article will
appear in the Record on Saturday which will be
a full & fair statement on the subject of the officers.

I see by the paper that a suit for
damages has been commenced against you in
retaliation for the suit against the Spirrit gentlemen.

Thursday Morning Oct 31.

I have seen James & he consents ~~to remain~~
if Capt Fitzgerald will consent. Charles is very
reluctant to leave him as the Capt gave him a
charge not to come back without him. To quiet Charles
I have promised him that he shall not be blamed &
that the Capt's consent shall be obtained & James
shall return on Saturday.

I wish you would write me by
tomorrow morning or evening boat on the subject
with Capt's consent which I suppose he will
readily give. If you write by morning boat
the letter will probably reach me at my office.

If by evening boat - send by some one who will
leave the letter at the Parillion with Mr. Jordan &
I will get it there as it is near the Steamer
Boat & will be handy for the person who brings it
to leave it there.

In haste

Truly Yrs

Amos Townsend

If James should go down by the Saturday
boat it will be necessary for some one to
be there on her arrival to take charge of him.
I shall consider myself bound to send him
unless I hear from you.



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