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My dear Br

New Haven, November 4

I met the Marshall today and told him that the African ought to have more comfortable clothing, and requested him to provide it. He refused saying he had no orders, and would do nothing until after Court. I then told him that I had the means in my power of clothing them and would do it, if he would permit me, without expense to the Government. He said, he would not permit it. I must confess I felt my spirit rise against such oppression and I told him that it should be done.

Then those poor fellows are, coming from an Equatorial climate to an unwholesome one and with no more clothing than what they had in warm weather, sleeping on straw, and dependent for warmth upon the stove. They ought to be well clothed and take outdoor exercise every day. But they are negroes - ~~negroes~~ - and that is enough to exclude them from the claims of humanity. What the Marshall's reasons ~~are~~ - or orders are, I know not, but no one can justify such a violation of the law of love.

Another poor fellow died today and was

buried by the side of his 4 companions - How many
wite die we cannot tell, but if more shawed I
shoud not be surprized at all.

It woud have gratified you to have attend
the worship with them yesterday. They all
kneelt and followed the interpreter aloud in
prayer & with appaerent intelligence and so-
lemnity.

If any thing can be done I hope you
wite do it.

In haste & love
Yours
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