

February 12, 1841



New Haven 12 Feb'y 1841
Dear Pappan Leys

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 8th was duly
recd. Of the State I have heard nothing as you
are this time from Bro Judge who went to Hartford. Nothing is
done here. Pro Vice is satisfied that nothing is intended here
by the Marshall at present whatever may be after the decision
in the 16th at Washington. The great object of concern
with the Marshall & Senaletas, is the footing of the bills.
Pro Vice has gained the confidence of Senaletas & knows
all about matters & will be able to give us all the
information we desire.

Milox & Senaletas will start for Washington on
Monday. When the decision is known there, should
it be to give up the rights of cruelty to the Spaniards, I
think it probable an express will be sent on here in order
to get the spirits away before the decision is publicly
known in order to avoid any public commotion which
they might fear would take place. I am now know
what is the opinion of all our Judges on the subject of
Hale's Corpus. What then shall I do? Or is there
anything to be done in such an event? I will to
know definitely if any responsibility is to be laid upon
me. Any act of illegal interference of course
you know from my former communications I should

not be willing to attempt.

The difficulty of getting pay for their bills has led Pennington to reduce the allowance for the Africans. The following is as near as I can ascertain by strict enquiries the bill of fare

Breakfast a small quantity of boiled rice
one potatoe (or a biscuit). a tea cup of dry rice.

Dinner. One potatoe two biscuits. a very small piece of meat.

Supper - same.

The Marshall is not at home but expected home to day. I have made him a communication to be put in his hands on his arrival remonstrating against such treatment & intimating that an exposure might publicly be made which would not help the allowing of his clerics at Washington for charge of keeping. You will not therefore make any public use of the above unless I write you further.

But should this severity prove to be continued it ought to be exposed.

In haste
Yours truly
A. M. M. J. J.

A. Townsend to
New Haven
Feb. 17/41
Dir. of Africans