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Genl Tappan Esq

Dear Sir,

I note you last week that I have written the Marshall about the fate of the Africans. He returned on Saturday & came to see me & carried me out to Westville to see, & enquire, & became satisfied that they had been urged, & has given orders to have a change, which I learn from "good authority" at the Quinns-  
-place caused quite a sensation & much wrath, but that the change is acquiesced in & new orders given to those in charge.

Pennington & the Marshall leave here in the morning for Washington & will make no movement among the Africans until a decision is had upon their case. I assured the Marshall in answer to his enquiries that I should not myself, nor did I apprehend others would attempt to interfere for a rescue in case of a decision against the Africans.

I understood that this assurance was satisfactory & nothing will be done but a look a two additional on the run & some one or two additional persons to keep one look out to prevent disturbances in the absence of the Marshall & Pennington. Among these additional watchmen is one Mr Hill of your city who is now boarding at the Quinns-  
-place, who is greatly



in the confidence of Mr Pennington.

The Marshall tells me he expected the Court would send the case back to the District Court. Pennington has also expressed the same opinion & in a way that anticipates me that this is their present belief.

As Judge Hitchcock has expressed his opinion adverse to Mr. Writ I do not understand what is expected of me in that matter & should be glad of instructions, definitely, as early as may be.

Mr. Devine or President of the Bank goes to N.Y. in the morning & will probably return on Thursday & will take anything you may wish to send which would not be safe in the mails. Or direct by mail under cover to Mr. Hooker Savings Bank N.Y.

In haste

Yours truly  
Amos Pinney

P.S. I wish you would make no public use of the statement I made about their prof. as the case is now rectified & it might make a disturbance with no good result.

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