



New Haven, March 18/41 Evening

Dr Bro. Jocelyn,

This morning I was so much engaged at the Depot getting 30 of our Africans off to Farmington that when I turned around to put a letter on board the S Boat I had the disappointment of seeing she had left the wharf yesterday at 2 o'clock the 3 girls were brought into court, accompanied by Pendleton & his whole family, male & female. ~~They~~ <sup>Mr Bacon and myself were</sup> the only witnesses on behalf of the Complaint being opposed by Pendleton's family & all he could muster. The testimony was not all received until this afternoon. General Kimbely, whom I had retained at the request of Mr Baldwin, addressed the court, followed by CP A Ingersoll. They were both gentlemen, tho' the latter was rather boisterous. Ralph J. followed in a long harangue - I was very abused upon Judge Clark & myself. You can form little idea of his violent perversion of facts - false charges &c. He reproached that I had abused Pendleton's family in the newspapers, had held Mrs P. & Miss P. up to odium - that I had obtained myself into his house with Mr Covey to see the <sup>African</sup> girls, that who had been instructed in religion &c by Miss P. &c &c. He also abused Mr Booth & Mr Griswold, imitating their mode of conversing with the Africans & raising loud laughs at their expense & at the expense of the friends of the Africans. At 9 o'clock this evening the Judge gathered up the papers & adjourned the court till tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Then he will give his decision. Undoubtedly it will be in favor of Townsend.



Thidmarsh has behaved very well, but Pendleton has acted like a wild beast. We had made our arrangements to have Cinque & the rest leave for Fannin this morning per Westville, but hearing yesterday that Pendleton had sent out - threatened - & frightened them we thought it best to bring them into town immediately. We sent out 5 canoes, but as Cinque, Kenna & Le were in court the Africans were afraid to come in with the badmen. At last they saw that a cold badman, Geo. Phitts, had a hack. They all crowded towards him & I wanted him to bring them all in. He had 2 hacks & shot in 18 in them. Most of the others refused getting into the other hacks & ran in a foot. They supposed P. had sent out for them. They all arrived at the Screw Factory, I think it is, near the depot where they staid last night. <sup>We set provisions for them.</sup> This morning I went down & saw them off. To night I have a letter from Mr Booth dated Fr. saying they had all arrived there safely. Mr Norton was at Berlin to receive them & conduct them along to his <sup>place of</sup> residence.

In Court yesterday Cinque was allowed to converse with the 3 girls & explain to them what we intended for them. He made a long & most eloquent address in Mandi. His gestures & countenance were exceedingly expressive. Kenna gave his testimony in good English.

The 3 African girls were examined as witnesses, & Pendleton's family showed them off - their attainments <sup>se</sup> - to make an impression that they had been exceedingly well taught, & loved his family very much.

Considering the excitement that has been made here & the fear that the morals of the girls have been injured by being so long in Pendleton's house Mr Walden declines taking one of them into his family.



And it is thought that it will not be best to leave either of them here. I have Kinna - Kale - & Kong here, & it was my intention to take the two former to New York with me tomorrow morning. But our friends at F. write so importunately that I will not take them here at present but visit F. with them, and as Isaac Townsend says he shall not be able to get the custody of the persons of the 3 girls without my assistance, I have concluded (tho' very reluctantly) to remain - under the judge's decision - if favorable take the girls the 3 young men to F. in the afternoon train. By sitting up all night I may catch the Hartford train of Sat. morning, take the S. Boat here & reach home Saturday PM.

The service performed by me here has been deemed very important, & yet what a sacrifice it is to be from my sick children so long, and from business. I had no idea when I left home of being absent more than 2 nights. Please explain to my brother the reason of my prolonged absence & send this letter for the perusal of my family the day you get it.

There is much attention to religion here I am told. 30 students have been hopelessly converted. An Knapp, by invitation, has addressed the students in college & also the theological students. Dr Taylor speaks of him to his students very highly. Mr K. speaks of abolitionism as a necessary part of religion, very freely & fully. I heard part of one of his sermons, but have been so constantly occupied, day & night, with the affidavits as not to have had time to attend to anything else except for a short time.

Yours very truly  
L. Tappan





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To be sent immediately.

Rev. L. S. Jocelyn  
or in his absence  
Mr. Arthur Tappan

New York.

