Dear Sir,

Will not the Amistad Africans and their friends now hold the U.S. and Lieutenant Gedney separately to answer for their long imprisonment? Cannot damages be obtained at least from the U.S. for the detention occasioned by the appeal of the Executive to the Supreme Court? Two things are clear to my mind—first that these prisoners are entitled to some reparation for the hardships they have endured—seconds that (abolitionists) should follow up the defeat we have given the enemy (slavery) by an attack upon his strong hold, the government of the United States. Let us “easily the more into Africa” if we can.

respectfully yours,

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