



New Haven Nov 19. 1877

Dear Sir

Yours of yesterday is at hand,
also Mr Jocelyn's forwarding note.

James understands that the Purran
has sailed & that he is to attend the "Grand Court" -
(as he calls it) at Hartford & is pleased at the idea &
is perfectly contented. I have bought him an overcoat
& a pair of shoes & have given him a little money for some
trifles he wants occasionally. His bag of clothes has not
been seen. Please ascertain under whose care it was sent &
to whose direction. If his bag is found he thinks he shall
not want any other clothes at present. Thus he may feel
"when fierce winter comes," is to be found out only by experience,
as he knows nothing of it at present.

The parcel directed to Mr Jocelyn came duly to hand
with letters, & a look for old days all of which need some
attention. No reply has been recd from Judge Sumner that
I know of. Mr Gibbs has received the books sent.
(Four of the Africans will go to Hartford, & will
be clothed for the purpose, by the Marshall.) James
will be sent up & I shall write tomorrow to our friends
there to provide a suitable place there for him to stay.

while attending the court.

It cannot be ascertained on what authority the story was circulated here, & whilst I communicated to you that Cinques had said that he had sold a man. I have been in the prison to day while Prof Gibbs was revising his notes of Cinques' former narrative, & the questions were put to him repeatedly & in various forms, & he unqualifiedly denies that he had ever owned or sold a slave. He says "no man can say I ever sold a slave." & there is no doubt from all his appearance while he makes the declaration that he speaks the truth.

His father is an old man of gray hairs. It is about two years since he has seen him. He has a wife & three children the youngest quite small. He had never seen a white man until he was sold a slave into their hands.

Since writing the above I have seen Mr Valamin & he says that the Marshall showed him to day a letter from Judge Judson to the Marshall in which he says that the Marshall has sufficient authority from the Court to take all necessary steps in regard to clothing the Africans & that he (the Judge) has all confidence in the benevolence of the Marshall that they will be provided for. Mr Valamin also informs me that the Marshall has taken the select men of the town & the attending Physician of the prisoners. & they have given him a certificate that the clothing of the Africans is sufficient and

comfortable, & this he will publish. which I will
send you as soon as it comes out.

The Africans are much interested in their
studies & make as good progress as could be expected
under the circumstances in which they are placed.
They would acquire the English language much more
readily, if they were separated from each other, & compelled
by being surrounded only by those who speak English, to
make that the medium of communication entirely.

Having sent James down to the Steam
Boat office to search for his bag, he has just
called with it. Being very legibly directed
to my care it ought to have been delivered here
immediately. If you paid freight on it please
write me so in your next as it would not be best to pay
twice 25cts for it.

I suppose some of the Committee from
your city will attend the Court.

Yours Truly
Amos Annand Jewell



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