Visit to the Place of the landing of the Africans in the Schooner Antonio Long Island

Left New Haven in the Revenue Cutter Wolcott commanded by Capt. Mathes about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning the 22nd Oct. and in company with W. Wilcox Esq., Marshall & W. H. Holtland Esq., Dist. Attorney for the State of Connecticut. During the fore part of the day had little wind & made very little progress until about 4 o'clock when a light breeze sprung up & gave us some headway, at 6 O'clock had a fresh gale from the S.W. which gave us a fine run into New London where we arrived off the L. house about 10 o'clock. The Cape then sent us ashore in the Dolly boat & at 11 o'clock we were pale in port & in bed at the City Hotel. Oct 23. After taking a fine breakfast of Blackfowl we called on D.P. James Esq. who consented to accompany us to Long Island, before leaving with the party (which had increased to the number of seven, consisting of the following gentlemen from W. London Mr. Watts, collector of the port, D.P. James Esq., W. Allen. P.M. Lt. Mayor of the Brig Washington) we called on Mr. Saratine Haley to obtain from him some facts respecting Mrs. We learn that Mr. James had the following conversation with Mr. Haley soon after his arrival at W. London, in the presence of Mr. Haley:

Question by D.P. James, "Can these men (Africans) speak English?"

Answer by Rose Hogan: "One of them can speak a few words of English..."
Dr. D. 

"Can they speak Spanish?"

Dr. D. 

"One fact they are just from Africa or recently from Africa."

Dr. D. 

"How is this that these Men can speak English?"

Dr. W. 

"Why they probably learned that on the coast of Africa."

I also learned that Mr. Wing called on a shoe maker in N. London to purchase a pair of Boots & asked for a deduction in the price; the shoe maker replied (having heard of the suffering & loss of over 200 men) if you are poor I will let you have these at your own price, & at the same time drew from his pocket a large roll of Bank notes. "I shall not take them until that understanding, for besides this (roll of bills) I am worth at home $50,000."

We sailed from N. London at 11 o'clock & after getting outside the light we had a fine wind from S.W. & stood directly across for L. A. during the passage we had a very pleasant conversation with the passengers & officers on board. The Cutter piece of which was respecting the Africans & Spaniards as well as on the general subject of slavery, which after a while became very troublesome to some of the party. I especially to Mr. Moore, among the wonderful statements of Dr. Moore was that L. Jaffray was a very bad man & had no character in N. York & that Monte was a fine old gentleman & could not capable of doing a mean thing. Of that Monte had made up his mind to give the children their freedom upon their being given up by the court to him or to the Spanish Authorities that he was just as the son of his departure for Cuba & was very anxious to be gone as his family were in peculiar circumstances.
when he left us. It was evident that most if not all the and officers of the party as well as the Officers of the other excepting Mr. Davis & myself sympathized with the Spaniards & felt little or no solicitude for the Africans. One of the Gentlemen now remained that he thought it was a shame that Gentlemen of a Foreign nation should press protection in this free land & then be arrested & thrust into Prisons!

The armada off Ceiques Pr. as 12 p.m. & we went on under sail at anchor from 12 to 2 of a mile from the shore in 84 fathoms of water, all 2 miles of Ceiques Pr. (East Alder) and 2 miles from Willo Pr. W. near Mentone. 5th of the Africans now on shore when taken at Ceiques was one of them, most of this information was denied. From Mr. Ross we returned to W. London in 2½ hours just in time for me to take the boat for York. We were received with great cordiality by Capt. Mathews & Mr. Strode, Prince, Gt. Temple & Place & every thing on this part was done to render our short stay on board as pleasant & agreeable as possible.

Yours for the Africans
A. P. Williams

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Please send one of the enclosed to Mr. Sidgwick &
Mr. Staples.