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Sir

In conversing a few days since with  
Capt Hanes about our Aristocrat Africans - he said  
Judge Williams was much afraid that the Supreme Court  
of the United States would be so influenced by the  
opinions & wishes of men in power as to give their decision  
against the Africans & adjudge them to the claims of the  
Spaniards. I am informed that Judge Sherman  
is also of the same opinion. They seem to have no  
confidence in the integrity & independence of the judges.

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I do not know that anything more can  
be done than has been done & is doing, but it seems to be  
a dreadful prospect for these men & I cannot bear  
the thought that such should be their doom. Could  
our friends across the water do something through  
our British court (not with our government, but)  
with the Spanish government to have their <sup>claim</sup> withdrawn  
through their Minister in this country, ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> claim  
to the men?

The time I know is short & perhaps the issue  
is preposterous, but I cannot endure the idea that these  
injured men should be delivered up into the hands  
of murderers, by the judges of our laws in violation of all  
right principles human & divine. Truly Yours

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