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Dear Sir

Mr Manchester a lawyer says that John Quincy Adams is the man to have influence with the Supreme Court. That his honesty, and opinion, are much respected by Taney, Smith, Thompson & others. He says that Taney & Smith Thompson were Federalists. Taney favorable to Old John Adams, that altho recently for Jackson all his decisions have been on old school or constitutional ground. Baldwin & Nelson is the same essentially. There are two Southern judges one a loco loco in all his legal opinions opposed some time since by the whole bench. All these matters may be familiar to you but were not to me.

For reflection you should think but to accept of Mr. Adams offer as counsel for the Africans you have my concurrence also Mr. Choate I have not seen Mr. Harritt on any of these questions of late. You will probably see Choate whilst at Boston. Brother Peter Williams was burred yesterday. It was a solemn occasion

I am Dear Sir
 Yours truly
 S. S. Phelps

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Mr. Adams



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