



New London Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 1840.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to intrude myself upon your notice, for the sake of suffering Humanity; & I hope that this alone will waive all considerations of an apology for the intrusion. Soon after the capture of the *Amistad* a gentleman made known to me that he had information sufficient to procure the freedom of the Captives, & this information was imparted to him by no less personages, than the Spaniards Ruiz & Montes themselves, who had made a confidant of this gentleman, & employed him to write their Card of thanks, to the Officers of the U.S. Brig *Washington* & which Card, was published about the same time in the *New London Gazette*, & the said gentleman is Mr John F. Hyde who was at that time Editor of the *Gazette* & who now authorizes me to say that if his expenses are paid to Washington, that he will give in his testimony that will perjure the former words of the Spaniard, & be entirely conducive to the freedom of the captives

I have repeatedly urged the necessity of his appearing before the Court & once he received a summons to that effect, but for some cause absented himself. Mr Hyde is not an Abolitionist, & perhaps that may account for his backwardness heretofore. I imparted the above to Gen Wilson a prominent Anti-Slavery man here, & he has written to Mr Adams & also to Mr Baldwin. Mr Hyde resides about

seven miles from here at the Village of Mystic.  
You are at liberty to command my services for the  
transmission of any intelligence which it may be necessary  
for you to communicate in regard to the Africans.  
And I consider myself bound to make all exertion  
which lie within my power honorably to effect that  
noble purpose which you & other Philanthropists  
are striving to perform.

As a stranger, & one unknown to you, permit  
me to express my sincere thanks to you in the  
name of the down trodden & suffering Descendants of  
African origin (of whom I am one) for the many  
sacrifices which you have made, & the many great  
acts of your benevolence, & as a well wisher to  
yourself & family I beg to remain your friend

Wm Anderson.

To Lewis Tappan Esq  
New York.

Wm Anderson  
New London  
Dec 26/40  
Cold man

References in New York, Rev Mr Wright  
who can testify

Mr Prince Lovidge