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Dear Sir

Judge Story not having yet arrived & the Members of the Court present desiring that the bench might ~~might~~ be full, have postponed the hearing of the Motion until ~~the~~ next week in the Amistad case -

Your letter to Mr. Tracy is delivered. It would be improper for me to receive & deliver letters merely to save the pay of postage, but as the franking privilege is said to have been extended to Members principally for the benefit of their constituents, letters relating to public business of general interests, letters of the family & friends of the Members, letters which require to be personally delivered for special reasons &c, are permitted by universal practice at least, to be sent to members &

are delivered without the payment of postage.
Letters ~~of Business~~ relating to the Amistad
captives, I will so far consider my own
as to undertake their delivery at all
events, & I have supposed you were
such - Mr Seavitt has arrived here
& will no doubt be busy taking notes -

I write in the Hall amidst
great confusion -

Yours Truly
J. M. Galt

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Notes in Amistad
Case postponed.