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Dear Pappan Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 14<sup>th</sup> is recd  
& I am sad at what you communicate of your fears. I  
understand Mr Calhoun has in some way, I know not  
how, come out strongly against the poor captives. Perhaps it  
is in the articles in the Globe of which I have heard although  
I have not seen it. The thought is too dreadful for me to indulge  
for a moment, that these men should be given up to the  
slaughter, or even to wear out their wretched existence on the  
plantations of Cuba. Of the highest judicial tribunal of  
our boasted land of freedom should so truckle to the spirit  
of Slavery as to deliver these men into the hands of slave  
drivers there is our liberty but a name & the Union of the  
States a union of thieves & robbers.

Is there no hope, in case they are delivered  
up, from the interference of the British Government? Should  
not the British Agent <sup>in Havana</sup> be early apprised of our fears, &  
be warned to be on the lookout for their arrival? Or  
would not this case come under his cognizance?

I wrote you in my last that I believed the  
captives were not in pressing want of anything. I find  
on enquiry that they have not been provided with any  
caps this winter & most of them are without any covering





for the head, of which they complain when they go out in  
the cold wet. As the Marshall is at Washington I  
have thought it best to provide them with a cheap  
cap of cloth. This item of expenditure does not exactly  
come under my department, & as any surplus I may have  
in my hands at the close of the business will be paid  
over to your committee, shall I draw on you for the  
bill?

I tender my sympathies to you in your domestic  
affliction, & trust the Lord will make it a rich blessing  
to you & yours, whatever result His wisdom & benevolence shall  
design as to the recovery or removal of your daughter.

Since writing the above Bro. Gresham has  
called upon me to enquire whether I have heard anything  
from you in regard to a Unit of Stuleas Capus, about which  
he wrote you & believe from Albany. If anything can be  
done legally to pluck the prey from the jaws of human tigers  
I hope it will be done.

Yours for the oppressed  
Amos Bronson

P.S. I have just read a letter from your friend  
A.P. Williams of Farmington, who says the Africans must  
be put into a place of safety, & offering all the assistance  
necessary. I am not prepared for such a movement.  
The friends of Human rights have suffered so much, from  
illegal violence, & have so loudly & constantly plead



for the supremacy of law, against the plea of necessity, that  
any resort to such measures would seem to belie all their  
principles & professions, & give the most direct sanction to all  
the outbreaks of popular violence. It is true our efforts  
would be to save life, instead of destroying it, yet it would  
still be the unchristian plea of necessity against legality,  
the liberty of private responsibility, <sup>legal</sup> the plea of decision  
~~of law~~. I shall immediately write him that I cannot  
enter into any such arrangement until I have a different  
view of duty from what I now entertain.

What are your views on this subject, & the views  
of your committee? If anything is to be done it must  
be done before any thing is suspected & a strict watch  
over them. It is most likely that a movement of  
a kind would be readily expected by the  
officers having them in custody, as soon as anything decisive  
against them is known.

I have learned here to day that Miles  
the Marshall who is now in Washington is expected  
home in a day or two having written us that the  
trial will not take place until Feb as Judge  
Story is at home sick & that the case will not be  
taken up until he takes his seat on the bench.

Mr Palmer it is said will be obliged to be  
here on the 20<sup>th</sup> a week from tomorrow to attend the  
Superior Court.





Mr Poote has preserved a copy of Taylor's letter to rebut you  
 allude except the concluding sentence. He will furnish you  
 with a copy & write what he may think interesting. He tells me  
 that although there is no turbulent manifestation of distress about  
 the decision of the court, yet a deep & solemn anxiety is evident in  
 their appearance & enquiries, while Cingree is losing flesh from no  
 other apparent cause than his mental disquiet.

I hope to hear from you by return of mail if you

think the suggestion of A. P. W. worthy of it. I have not been able  
 to find the journal this evening - to know his views.

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