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My dear Sir

I received your letter in relation to the Amistac Captives, and saw Mr Sependa & Gov Elsworth & other friends on Saturday. I shall go to Hartford again this morning, to ascertain if anything can be done immediately. Mr Sependa & Mr of course say all that can be said & I only improve the opportunity <sup>by the Deleve</sup> to say that I am ready to go all lengths that a Christian man can go in behalf of these poor Wingo Brothers. Gov Elsworth manifested an excellent spirit and I find that many, who do not manifest much love for abolitionists, ~~are~~ for Colored people generally, are much excited in behalf of the Africans.

Gov Elsworth was of the opinion on Saturday that nothing would be gained by serving a writ of Habeas Corpus before the decision of the Sup Court.

It seemed to me that something might be gained and that nothing could be lost. It is possible that Judge Williams would discharge them. If he should not, and



Should defer a decision until after the decision  
at Washington, they would at any rate be  
secure. From the disposition already  
manifested by the Govt and by its agents  
in this State, there will be, no doubt, a  
desire to hurry and readiness to get  
them off without a moment's delay. I  
am by no means certain that an express  
will not be forwarded in advance of the  
ordinary communication, nor indeed that  
some steps will not be taken before  
the decision shall be promulgated, I  
take it for granted that the decision  
will be adverse. A favorable one  
would be entirely contrary to southern  
policy, and if any of the judges from the  
Slave States should <sup>give their minds</sup> be favorable, I doubt  
if they would dare to be independent.

The postponement will give time to  
adopt any measures that may be thought  
advisable.

Yours very truly

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