

January 28, 1841

Washington, D.C. February the
20th, 1841.



Sir,

In the case of the "Amistad", I will report the argument of Mr. Adams, precisely as spoken, supplying all the extracts & quotations, & delivering the complete manuscript without an hour's unavoidable delay, for the sum of five hundred dollars - prompt payment. This offer is to cover the entire argument, whether Mr. Adams speaks once, twice, or oftener, during the present term of court.

But in case a postponement should take place to any day later than the fourth of March, I will perform the labor for four hundred dollars.

It may be proper to state, that if the case comes

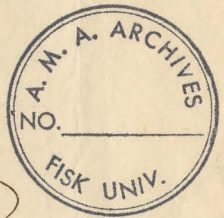
on at the time specified (February 16th) I shall lose, in the form of compensation for services regularly rendered in the House of Representatives, from two to three hundred dollars - that the labor required of me will be of the most intense character - & that those who are acquainted with such things may possibly form no conception of the bulk of the work.

To the further enquiry as to the compensation for which I would report the entire arguments of all the Council, I beg briefly - first, that the work could not be satisfactorily accomplished in less than ten or twelve weeks; & secondly, that a compensation which, in such service, might appear to the Council too large to justify the expenditure. This, however, is a matter for their consideration; & if requested hereafter, I will answer the enquiry in a direct form.

The Committee will confer an obligation by informing me
at the earliest period consistent with their convenience,
whether my services may be required - as, in that event,
I shall have some preparations to make for the proper
discharge of the duty.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Lewy Godfrey Wheeler



Br. Tupper -

I dare not act upon this proposal alone.
It seems to me a great price to pay. Stansbury
says it is more than worth, & that Wheeler will
lose just nearly as much as he makes by it.
It is thought ~~now~~. Down with Wheeler at least
3 days, for 15 hours. His sheet alone will
~~make a volume~~. Please give me instruc-
tions. Mr. ~~Downs~~ is evidently preparing for a
great effort. He thinks Key will not be heard in
court, & that if he is, it will be with but little
reference to colonization, & as we have taken
no appeal he does not see how we can oppose him
if he does. I confess in the difficulty, & do not
know exactly how to avoid it. In haste respectfully,

Mr. Adams, report on the fraud was in
the Liberator. I will try to send you the
Doc.

Emma Seavitt
Washington Jan 28/41
with care from dull Weather
Respectful

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