Port au Prince Jan 5, 1954

Mr. C. Bryant & Co.

Gentlemen

I expect to leave this place on Monday next, for Jacobau, with the intention of taking the British steamer fiance for Aden, on the 12th. I have abandoned my plan of visiting the North. The fatigue of the journey is excessive and at this time I am afraid it would be quite dangerous to a stranger not acclimated. It would besides involve nearly a months longer absence than I had originally contemplated. I am inclined to think too that I shall not lose much except in geographical knowledge by the trip as Daca and hence here pretty much everything that is characteristic. I have not had time nor have I felt prepared to write about things here, nor shall I until I get home, or at least away from here. I am liable to be detained here by sickness or accident, much
longer than I knew and if my letter should reach here before I left I do not know that it would add at all to my comfort. From St. Thomas I shall return direct to New York, or by way of Havana & Charleston at circumstances may direct. Should nothing happen I shall expect to reach New York by the middle of February.

I enclose a circular which had been addressed to a number of Americans and which authorizes me to receive subscriptions for an Educational Establishment in this place projected & conducted by an estimable English Preceptorshipship of the name of Dr... Should any money before my return be brought to the office for the Museum, I will thank you to forward it to B.C. Clark Esq. of Boston, one of the reference named in the...
Enclosed, with a notification of the object for which it is designed, the sketch here is treacherously fatal, two of the crew of the vessel which brought me out here, have died, and two more will not probably live till tomorrow. There is not a vessel in the harbor I believe, that had not lost some of her crew and bound to Philadelphia.

The consequences of our yesterday’s protest are palatable and inevitable for demurrage in consequence of the detention of this vessel, all her officers and crew having been taken with the fever and disqualified for duty.

One vessel had been detained here all loaded, and bound from inability to get a captain it was to take her to New York. I have been very well that far and hope to continue so. Have received no letters nor papas from the United States since I left.

Yours very truly,

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