

Samuel S. Cowles to Horace Cowles

Hartford, September 16, 1839:

Dear Father

This morning I handed to the driver of the Litchfield State a letter for you charging him with the importance of having [it] reach the Farmington Post Office today. For fear that it may have miscarried, I now write you by our friend Mr. Whitman.

A special meeting of the Ex. Com. of the Conn. A.S[lavery] Society will be held at their Depository No. 7 Asylum St., tomorrow morn. at nine o'clock, for the purpose of providing accommodations for the Africans, should they be set at liberty.

Please notify other members of the Com. in Farmington, as time does not allow of my doing it.

Rumor says this afternoon that an order has been issued by Van Buren for their surrender to the Spanish authorities. We are trying to ascertain whether it has any good foundation, and if so we intend to have a writ of habeas corpus issued for their relief.

Your son

S.S Cowles