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Delany, M[artin] R. to B. P. Yates; et. al.

"Residence of the United States Consular Agent,
"Monrovia, July 13th, 1859.

"GENTLEMEN,—Your note of to-day has been received, for the honour of which I thank you, and beg to say that numerous engagements prevent me from complying with your request on to-morrow evening.

"You are mistaken, gentlemen, in supposing that I have ever spoken directly 'against Liberia,' as wherever I have been I have always acknowledged a unity of interests in our race wherever located; and any seeming opposition to *Liberia* could only be constructively such, for which I am not responsible.

"Should it be your pleasure, I will do myself the honour of serving you on Monday evening next, or any other evening during the week, by a discourse on the 'Political Destiny of the African Race,' and assure you of the pleasure with which

"I have the honour to be,

"Your most obedient servant,

"M. R. DELANY."

"Col. B. P. Yates; Hon. D. B. Warner; S. F. McGill, M.D.; Hon. B. V. R. James; Rev. Saml. Matthews; Urias McGill, Esq.; Rev. Edw. Blyden; H. W. Dennis, Esq.; H. A. Johnson, Esq., District Attorney."