<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Title</strong></th>
<th>Holograph signed letter, sent from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to Charles Douglass</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Call Number</strong></td>
<td>JWJ MSS 240</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Published/Created Date</strong></td>
<td>1891-04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Collection Title</strong></td>
<td>Walter O. Evans collection of Frederick Douglass and Douglass family papers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Rights</strong></td>
<td>The use of this image may be subject to the copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) or to site license or other rights management terms and conditions. The person using the image is liable for any infringement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Extent of Digitization</strong></td>
<td>Complete folder digitized.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Container information</strong></td>
<td>Box 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Generated</strong></td>
<td>2021-07-02 18:46:40 UTC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Terms of Use</strong></td>
<td><a href="https://guides.library.yale.edu/about/policies/access">https://guides.library.yale.edu/about/policies/access</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>View in DL</strong></td>
<td><a href="https://collections.library.yale.edu/catalog/17369753">https://collections.library.yale.edu/catalog/17369753</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
My dear Charles: Yours is the only letter telling me of the death of Louisa. Since I learned the nature of her disease and the impossibility of any cure, it is a relief that she has passed away beyond the reach of pain and death. The blow is a sad one to us all, but we must suffer and be strong. I feel duty for you because yours has been a much bitter experience. Few families have been made to suffer as yours has in the loss of dear ones.
but your experience should
make you strong. You are
still young and strong and
have I hope much of life
and usefulness before you.
It is not for you to despair.
The world is still before you.
You are leading an honorable
life and letting a noble example
Your life is useful, if not all
that you could well it is some
We speak both you can conquer
all your ills by bravely
Meeting them. I have no
time to look into the
Ordway papers just now. for
the little paper that brought
your letter and the robe-day
leave in an hour or more
and carry letters to know
for the State and I have one
or more beside the
for you to be sent by her.
You hardly know how
 glad I am to have
letters from you and I
hope you will keep in
up. You will see by
the papers that I am putting
through something an ordeal
just now myself. The papers in the States are telling of trouble between myself and Rear Admiral Ghearde. I hope you will keep nothing on the subject, but I will give you a hint which will enable me to explain to yourself what may some day be explained more fully to the public.

If I am forced to defend myself from unjust and false charges concerning my inefficiency, you must bear in mind
that no man of color was
denied by the Merchants of New
York as ministers to Haiti. That
the place is suited not only for a
Whitman but a Whitman who
will favor not merely American
interests in general, but the interest
of Mr. T. Clyde in particular. That
the said Mr. T. Clyde, runs a line
of steamers between New York and
several Ports of Haiti that he
also wishes to put several more
steamers on this line, both in
order to do so he wishes to
obtain a subsidy of several
thousand thousand dollars
not from the United States
but from the Government
of Haiti. For this purpose
has had an agent a certain
Cptn. Robt. in Portland
Arrive a year past. That Mr. Clyde
was the car and the support of
The Secretary of State and the
Secretary of the Navy and
that these officers have
urged me to secure the
Haytian Government to make
this rich donation to Mr.
Clyde as far as I could
as do consistently with
my position as Minis-
tr. Resident. Accordingly I
gave the measure my
warm support as I
thought that the renewed
of these American steamers
might be more subject to Hayti as well as American interests, and the time came when Mr. Clyde's agent wished me to go a step or two further in promoting this enterprize than I felt at liberty to go and further than I felt it right to go. He wanted me to give

I went to the Palace to take

leave of President Hypolito
to press upon him on that

meri ceremonious occasion,

the duty of granting this

Concession five hundred

thousand dollars to Mr. Clyde.

This I felt out of place and I refused to do it.
The next thing the lane party asked me to do was to promise the Haytian Government that if they woud grant this Clyde concession, I would not press the claims of other American citizens against the Haytian Government. This I could not and would not do, and in this I have offended the said agent Read and possibly the secretary of the Navy. Admiral Ghardi and Mr. Clyde. You will see by this that I am in a position to fully defend myself if I should feel it necessary to do so.
At a U. S. Coaling Station at the
Isle de France. This too I have
pressed upon the Haitian Govern-
ment. But each is the prejudice
of Haitian against, accusing
Americans to get a foothold
on any part of their country
that this Coaling Station becomes
his fault. At a consequence that
near Admiral Chevroti was
sent here two months ago to
accomplish, what I failed to
accomplish. I have honestly
cooperated with him in this
matter, but we have thus
far failed and at some one
must be blamed for the
failure. I selected to bear
this blame, I write these
facts so that in case any
accident should befall
I may be able to vindicate my memory. And I am not writing to lessen by this mail I wish to share with them the contents of this letter. But of course you will let no body else see them.

Contents: I'm quite well.

Yours, Father.
LEGAION OF THE UNITED STATES
PORT AU PRINCE, HAYTI

Char. A. Douglass
318 A St. W. C.
Capitol Hiee
Washington D.C.
U. S. A.

Apr. 1791