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Dear Melie:

At long last I've finally received the reproduction of the sketch and am sending it forth with to you under separate cover. It is a color photo 8"x10" and, if I may say so, it looks pretty good. From it you should get a general over-all idea of the composition. As I said before this is only a "copy" of the sketch which itself will undergo certain refinements and changes in the course of producing the final painting. Details such as rendering of the figures + faces, obtaining a true likeness of Cinque and other such considerations will be taken into account, including authenticities, etc.

I'd like to call the painting "Cinque Exhorting his Fellow-Captives to Mutiny". Cinque is seen here in the center of the composition silhouetted somewhat before a sail of the slave ship. He is vigorously inciting his fellow-slaves to strike down their captors in the name of the slaves own freedom, as they, and as does Cinque himself, brandish machetes. The machetes were found on board this slave ship, already laden with sugar cane, only by chance and by luck by

the slaves which they readily used as weapons in response to Cinque's appeal.

Meanwhile several members of the Cuban crew have taken refuge behind bundles of sugar cane for protection. But as we now know this was to no avail since most of the crew members were killed in the mutiny which followed. You will note that Cinque is carrying a long staff. This is customary for a chief. It symbolizes his rank and his authority, and role of leadership. Also we are told that the mutiny took place at night - so I have pictured it a moon-lit night. What I've tried to do here is to put into words that which appears pictorially in the color photo. When you have received it and looked it over, let me know your reaction. I might just say at this time that I am already embarking on the final painting!

Thanks for your patience (services in NYC, are for the birds!) while waiting to receive the reproduction which I had to have processed; it took ages! Best to you and the good doctor from Ted and me,
Sincerely,
Hale

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