

themselves, as if they were an inferior race.
But you will not fail to observe that
this point was distinctly presented to the
Ministers and others present, all of whom,
with one exception, expressed a decided sentiment
in favor of their Separation, and approved
their reasons. The question was one upon
which the General and myself felt much
embarrassment, but we thought the intelligent
persons whom we consulted were best able
to form an enlightened judgment by which
we could safely be guided.

With great regards I am

Truly Yours
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Dear Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing to you a copy of the "Minutes" of an interview between General Sherman & myself with the Colored Ministers and Church members of Savannah, during my late visit to that city. The occasion was one of deep interest to me, and will no doubt be interesting to you, besides serving to correct misapprehensions and misquines in the minds of many persons. The order of General Sherman giving lands to the colored people was made the day after that interview. It is now being criticised as evincing hostility to the blacks by setting them apart by