

I can, and as to any necessary services you rendered me When the *Annette* was cast away when you and I meet and are Settling our other matters you may depend on my Allowing you whats' fair & honest for my part. As to the trouble you Say you give me, I do not think it any to help an honest man.

I Sent you in a letter the dimmentions of the vessell you have engaged to build for me, but for fear that Letter may be lost, I will now mention them again. viz^t 28 feet Keel, 10 feet Beam & 4½ feet hold which I suppose is deep enough to Stow two Rows of Barrells over each other, the dead rising as Captain Fearson told you is 4 inches & the Quarter Deck is to be a foot higher than the main Deck If you finish the vessell in the manner I expect you Will, besides our agreement I will make you a present and as I have about 500 Bushels of corn at the Mauravian town, If you have her ready early in the Spring I will give you one Shilling the Bushel for bringing it down which will make about £25 more for you, & you may have Cable, Anchor Sails to bring her down.

It's now the 13th of the month & your man has been with the Quarter master, who, he tells me, Says he will not give a penny for the present. I therefore think it cannot be Settled untill you are here yourself in the Spring. as that is the case & you are pressed, I have given an order on M^r Shiply to pay you in Cash £9 - 10 - 0 which with 4 - 19 - 0 I now give your man will make the £14 - 9 - you wanted, I have also bought what of the tools you wanted which I could get and paid M^r Strong for your man £1 - 13 - 6 an account of the whole is inclosed & Amounts to £16 - 13 - 6 I have also Sent your watch.

Endorsed: Detroit 11 Decem. 98 John Askin to William Dealy Copy

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Dear Henry I had the satisfaction of receiving yours dated the 8th October on the 26 of last M^o and by it I am sorry to find my Letters as some of yours must have mis-