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Let us leave Hotham to the Smiths.

The Bay Schooner which was laid up here, I propose fitting in the same way as the Herring. The latter only carries forty five Tons of water, but the saving in Time & Expense, in watering the Ships is so great & she answers so well, it ^{will} be well worth the expense, extending the Plan.

The Bay will carry near one hundred Tons.

We will endeavor to get some Boats built by contract at the outposts as you desire, but I rather doubt our succeeding so fully occupied as every description of Artificer in this Province. We have a good many Store Boats now ready, which the American Corps of Artificers at the Hospitals have put to rights.

We broke ground yesterday on the site for your House, but I haven't feel satisfied at going on with the Building.