

Your Grace - I wish the Clan would make
its appearance, for we are now ready to begin
building.

I am sorry to find that the
Orpheus, to have a ^{second} second greening here,
it is a heavy job & will very much interfere
with the Equipment & repairs of the ships coming
here with trifling defects. Her latest green
might take the Chesapeake to Sea in less than
a week. & Gordon would be just as well
pleased to take the Orpheus home to be
paid off, as the ship here is.

The Decatur was found so bad, she
could not go to Sea, without the repairs
she is undergoing, and which are considerable.

I am glad to find that so large a
Reinforcement from the Mediterranean, is
on its way, its speedy arrival may induce
you to advise us from having down the Orpheus
& to order her home.

The Tides you allude to on the other side
of the Rock, I mentioned in a former letter, had
been sold, & is not now to be purchased.

That South of ours; might possibly be had