

all times in my person who may require medical
 assistance on the Dock yard. The enormous
 expense of sending men to the Hospital must
 also be a serious consideration - I am well
 aware that my attendance on the People of
 the Dock yard since my appointment in
 May, 1812. has saved Government in Hospital
 Expenses several thousand Pounds, Permit
 me then to hope Gentlemen you will take
 the merits of the case into consideration
 and that you will be pleased to recommend
 my claim to these Lordsships matter, whom
 I am persuaded cannot think the
 Professional person who is willing to
 devote his time and health to this service
 undervaluing - an adequate allowance upon
 his services the meanest labourer sent from
 the Ship has this encouragement given
 him.

Having devoted at all times since
 my joining the Ruby, my Medical abilities
 to the sick of all departments when required
 I hope I have merited the notice of your
 Honorable Board whom I hope on this instance
 will agree in the justice of my claim for
 an allowance for my attendance on the
 Dock yard.

The Commissioner for
 James Cook for Dock Yard

I have &c &c
 Signed
 Jas. W. G. Latham