

Bathurst 29th Aug 1843

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of y^r of yesterday, & have to inform you that no time shall be lost in complying with y^r orders, tho I fear much trouble in the care of the prisoners, as their owners afford no support in their claims for reimbursement of expenses and fees, as they term it.

I have come to a determination to produce all the bills of expenses since they have been in my possession & recommend to the Agent to appoint a disinterested person on both sides as a committee of reference to decide upon the equity of their claims, if they are entitled to any.

The officers on this station who hold old warrants I shall order under Capt. Ridgely & others to assist in fitting the floors of wards.

I beg leave to acquaint you that within a few weeks past I have seen several scenes in this place with these wretched diabolical from the Constellation, their time having expired; from which I presume she is short of her complement, and indeed the men as well as Capt. Ridgely state that there are many of her crew, whose