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Bald March 7th 1856

In James Zall

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 29th is
read and would have rec'd an earlier reply but for my absence
from town for two or three days. When the Committee were
receiving proposals for building the ship for the Colonization Socy,
they could have closed a contract for the keel and stons
of a ship of 600 tone Government measure for \$43 per Ton
to include Joiner work Galley Painting Pluming Carving and
Gilding, and all the Iron work for the ship interior. The Iron
work would cost from 6 to 6 1/2 cts per lb which would
not be included in the job. The Coasting can be done
here as cheap or cheaper than any where particularly if it
is done while on the stocks. The specifications ~~specify~~
the ship to be 140 feet long on deck 30 feet 7 inches
wide to be 18 feet deep 7 feet between decks to be
planked to ballast line with white oak Southern pine
3/4 thick and from ballast line to the keel with
white oak 3/4 thick with white oak keel and South
pine keel to be cedar with Southern pine. The planks
to be of white oak and Yackmatack. Every thing was
to be done in a faithful and workman like manner
and to the satisfaction of the building board.

I should you condescend to have the keel & stons
built on contract. You will then ^{have} only to furnish, Rigging
Sails, Chains, Anchors, Blocks, Boats, Parks, Ship chandlery

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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