

but more strange that nothing had been done for the boats. Although it would be late when the *Aredoniv* returned again I was willing to wait for her to do so in order to honorably meet and fulfill my agreements with you, and stated to him that I came for the purpose and was then ready and willing to fulfill the requirements of the same and wished for him to forward to you my readiness to fulfill the same.

Thinking that he had no power to authorize me to build boats I felt willing to wait until such time as we might hear from you and made inquiry as regards the most expeditious way of communicating with you, and when I wrote you, I supposed the House in Boston had no authority to act in the matter.

On the 19th of Jan, I received a line from Boston stating that their letter by the *Aredoniv* was explicit in regard to having boats built for the *Araso*. Suppose these were letters to you (making inquiries in regard to boats) instead of being from you to them as instructions. On the 20th they wrote that the letters to them from C. M. Sabney & Sons was definite in regard to ordering the boats built for the *Araso*. Still they did not

forward me any order or instructions in regard to boats or anything else.

Knowing that as I had offered myself as being willing and anxious to carry out any instructions from them in regard to the contemplated voyage, on the 28th I received another line but no order or instructions to proceed and all this time parties were in waiting to build boats as soon as I should receive an order.

I also had a man in view for mate but receiving nothing in regard to these things from you he thought it not prudent to wait longer, after waiting several weeks and consequently felt himself at liberty to engage with other parties.

Now why thus the House in Boston withheld from me the proper power and instructions in this matter? Knowing as they did that I was ready to fulfill them, they at first denied of having any authority, then afterward admitted that the order to them by the *Aredoniv* which shows that they held the order when I saw them in Boston.

The time was passing and I saw no more prospect of obtaining orders and instructions than I did six months before.

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