

by Mr. May that they knew nothing and about the boats as they had no authority to act.

I informed them in Boston that I came forward with the full purpose of fulfilling the agreement between us and tried to say every word that I was in real earnest about the matter. I enquired the manner of conveying word to go in the most expeditious manner and tried to urge upon them the importance of making some forward movement in getting boats &c in time for the *Aredario* on her next trip. I supposed on going to Boston that they had authority to assist me in the procuring of boats officers &c but found my visit a failure as they informed me that they had no authority to act. I wrote to you on the strength of this information resolving to wait until I could hear from you.

It was not until Jan 25th that I had any idea that the House in Boston had instructions from you to me, more than one month had they held these instructions and withheld them from me knowing as they did that I had applied for instructions and was waiting anxious to obtain them.

What could I expect? nothing at all from you, and no encouragement from the House in Boston! They keep-
ing from me instructions from me that I needed to carry out this enterprise. The ship was being taken up, ^{the} officers engaging and soon I should find myself without a ship or with an inferior one with poor officers. Being often importuned and seeing nothing that looked encouraging from the House in Boston and being late too late for the season before I could expect to hear from you. It is justice to myself, agreed to go in another ship.

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