

and still keeping from me the desired authority to build boats &c as I had desired them to do while I were in Boston.

I had a Boatbuilder engaged to build as soon as I should receive orders to do so.

I also had made partial arrangements with a mate and 2nd mate to join the ship.

But waiting week after week and receiving in furtherance of the intended project they have finally broken up the arrangement.

Now what was I to do? All was doubt and uncertainty in regard to your fitting - The season was passing away - Ship and Officers were being taken up - no instructions from the House in Boston - I had applied for - and still they were withheld - and no word from you. What could I think of this act of keeping from me the desired instructions.

Were they using discretionary power from you? or were they aiming to attain some private end? For over one month had they kept the desired instructions from me? I remained in suspense and anxiety! And not until I had informed them, that by refusing to forward me the instructions I considered our agreement annulled and that I felt at liberty to agree with other

parties. I considered our agreement and after I had done so did they send me instructions (indirectly) to build boats.

Seeing no prospect of carrying out our projected plans and in justice to myself did not consider it prudent to wait longer in uncertainties.

Considering that our agreement was annulled by the act of the house in Boston I felt myself at liberty to engage with other parties which I have accordingly done holding the firm in Boston responsible for all damages that may arise from a nonfulfillment of our agreement.

I can assure your gentlemen that it has been as sad and severe a disappointment to me as it can any way be possibly be to you.

Please accept my thanks for the kind feelings extended to me in your letters and gentlemen believe me ever

Yours most respectfully
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