

diately sent out must certainly come to a good market almost any where. I myself am just now returned from Boston where I have been on a visit to my friends there, where I found both bread & flour very scarce and high, indeed scarcely any to be got, not one barrle of sweet flour was to be had in the whole town of Boston and bad as it was sold quick at 4 Dollars p C^t: I think this Vessell of ours loaded with a cargo of bread in bulk to go to Boston must answer well with a little flour, and for returns coud purchase West India goods of any kind very low, as they are falling still lower every day from the great quantitys of prizes that are constantly comeing into them. I was myself for several days at there publick sales of prize cargos, where I saw great quantitys of sugars, spiritt rum, coffee, cotton &c, sell very low indeed or if them articles would not answer it appears to me there might a great deal of money be made on a cargo of salt. I see it sell in Boston at 4/ p^r bush^l by the quantity, and it was thought by most people there it would be lower, as a great many of their vessels were gone after salt, thinking it will be scarce and dear which is thought there will not be the case, that I realy believe salt may be bought as low in Boston as any where we can safely send for it, as there is many circumstances in fav^r of a vessells getting there safe. from there good forts on Nantaskett and other heigths near which no Kings ship will dare to come, and their coast is so much of an iron bound one (so caled) that no ship will dare to lay off there this time of the year. This vessel of ours will carry about four or five thousand bushells of salt, which would be a very handsome back freight, and she is extreamly well adapted for the purpose of carrying salt being a very boyent vessel that will not load too deep. I hope Gent you won't immagine I presume to dictate to you what should be done in those matters, as you undoubtedly do know much better than I can think or immagine; but several of my friends here advised me to write to this purpose, what I knew of these matters, which I hope you won't take amiss, as so great a quantity of bread being ready and much in our way, want to make more room &c a get it out while they Bay is clear. Your favouring me with a line on this subject immediately will very much oblidge me, and if I can in any wise serve you in loading this vessel shall be extreamly glad of the favour, in which hope I act to your aprobation in every respect.

Gent your most obed^t most Hble Serv^t
Cumberland Dugan.