

of him from several of the officers. I think he deserves it.

The Honble Genl of St Thos Knifer Esq }
President of the Council of }
Tahiti - Amoyloa }
I am with great Esteem & Regard
Sir, Your most Humble Servant,
John Harrison Jr

Sir, Ship Defence 16 Jan 1777.

When I mentioned to you my intentions of leaving the Ship, Defence you was desirous of knowing my reasons for so doing. I have here sent you them in writing. In the first place I need expect no further preferment in the service, as I find the officers of the soldiers are preferred before the sea officers. An other objection is I do not think the Ship will be munn'd for sea this winter and I look on it to be losing time to continue by here when I may have an opportunity of expending the time to more advantage. Not but I have the greatest Esteem for the service, and would do all that in my power lies for the benefit of the same. With respect to you Capt Cook, I must always in point of Honors, and gratitude acknowledge you the officers Seaman and my friend therefore must request you to continue the harmony that has subsisted betwixt us, and us yours.

To,
Capt. George Cook Esq.
To Commandr. G.
J. Auckersbeck.

Sir, Dorchester County Jan 17th 1777.

I have this day received your favour and take this early opportunity to inform you that I am of opinion it will be in my power to procure you a quantity of beef at the price you have mentioned, shall accordingly employ a proper person to ride about to purchase, having little doubt of his meeting with some. I shall immediately be in want of salt to cure and cash to pay for it, which you will be pleas'd to send me as soon as possible. I would beg leave to take notice of the absolute necessity of having the salt sent soon, as no quantity can be had here at any rate, should it not be wholly expended for your use by my not being able to procure the quantity of beef you want, I will be accountable for the overplus.

I cannot help observing that the Commission you offer is by no means adequate to the trouble and expense I shall be at on this occasion, nor do I undertake the business with a view of profit, therefore I expect should I expend a larger Sum than the 5 per cent. in purchasing and curing the beef, you will not hesitate to reimburse me. I am, Sir,

The Honble. Genl of St Thos Knifer }
President of the Council of Tahiti, of Maryland }
Your most Obedt. Servt.
John Harrison Jr

Brothy Gentlemen - January the 17th 1777.

This is inform you that I have wrote to you at more than different times, but have not received any answer, therefore let you know
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