

John Mitchell
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Dear Sir

Copenhagen 28th March 1789

I received your long looked for letter of the 10th of March last Post I am much oblig'd to you for your kind attention & information, with regard to the model & am exceedingly anxious to have it, but am oppos'd the dull method of proceeding will put it out of my power to be as quick, as Mr. H. seems to wish, immediately upon receipt of your letter I apply'd to a Gentleman who is one of the Lords of the Admiralty here, but they have so many tedious forms to go through that, tho' 20 days at least must elapse before I could get any answer concerning it, be that however as it may, I am very anxious to have the model, but unfortunately, I cannot draw my Money before the 29th July at soonest so that I could not at present remit to Mr. H. for it; the price however is very extraordinary, as I know Mr. H. had it for much less I would notwithstanding take it provided he would give

Yours

one the time to pay him which I have mentioned my
reason for mentioning this is that were the model here
I could then very soon get the admiralty to purchase it
which I cannot now much promise on, unless it were
here, I have a good many goods coming out by the first
ship which I expect an answer at sea therefore cannot
think the model at any rate could be shipped by the

Ship Mr. Henderson think fit to accept my
proposal, he may under your inspection pack up the
model & send it to ^{London} Messrs. Millers
& Co. marking upon each box Turney Ware
who will ship for me, at same time immediately in
course write to me with the drawing, when he may draw
on me payable the 21st July next if however I do not
hear from you in all next month, I shall expect Mr. H.
does not accept my offer, I doubt much of getting it
by the bargain or even sold, however I would run that
risque

I would it much at not hearing from you for so long time
I really concluded you were gone to Elgin, however I hope
you will now pay me in coin by writing after, You will
oblige me much over & above what I shall pay you, could
you procure for me drawings of the c. Machine for cutting
Blocks the best is (done) at Southampton, there is one
also at Deptford yard: we are now pretty far advanced
with our Engine & hope in July to have her finished & sent
to ~~London~~ for no other reason than that the
Gentleman I could not strike his fingers his wages some
to him till he can come home, I have however got two of
Billon & Watts' first own I am well pleased with their
abilities, I shall write to you very particularly whenever I
have an answer to this letter in which I may inform you
something of your Excursions, believe me an interest
for you will see I should be happy to have it in my power
to convince you how much I am your sincere friend
Believe me
before I received your letter
remember me to all friends
Ando Mitchell