

at the capes in the day time but hope you will behave with care and industry on this voyage. If you are chased and find you must be taken throw all your papers overboard, with weights to sink them.

D^r Charles

Saturday the 20 of January.

I have long been thinking of a moshen of sum sort to save your town I think I have now fell on one that shall with stand against any ship in the navy that they can trust before your town the moshen must float and carry 20 - 18 pounders it must be about 108 feet long 32 feet or less broad 5 1/2 feet deep the sides and ends to be glassaded so that the men shall fight under cover and the sides and ends canon proof this moshen I think may be completed in two months at the expense of 2500 £ or less the friend-ship I have from yourself & C. Some Hyde and Some Harwood has partly employed my mind this six weeks past. If the comitey of safety thinks well of this mater there is no time to be lost and you must come down to me tomorrow morning as I cant wait neither on you nor the comitey in all next week, if this moshen or floating batrey can be got ready in time I think it will save your town from any thing that can be done to it by sea, every man of you must attend to this matter as one hundred men may be employed. I am Charles with Senior

Respect yours S. Steward.

You must get John Saverson to rede this for I cant.

this moshen may always keep a — — — — — the enemy as there must be two canon in each end and 8 on each side she may carry 52 swivels on her sides and ends to prevent her being boarded. My friend I think ill used both Congreg and convention the congreg gave them ships to build to men that rose nothing of the business Jack Steward you no has been used ill by convention but still I am ready to serve my country in every degree that lyes in my power.

If any opportunity send Some Johnson a copy of this to day as he desired I would think of this sort to save the town.

T. Charles Wallaw.

Gent^l The Bearer hereof M^r James Campbell (who acted as a Capt. of our militia) had the Honour, on application of being appointed a lieut. of the light infantry company at our last convention. I am to beg leave to introduce this Gentleman to you, as particularly worthy your notice. I think upon conversation with him he may afford some very useful hints in those branches that we, at this time stand so much in need of, I mean gunnery & fortification. Have known him for several years in character of a Capt. of a ship the seafaring life having been his calling from his infancy, and think, to do his justice in that scene or any other that he engages in, he will merit esteem. I believe he brings with him a plan of a floating battery, his own inventions, which may very probably afford matter for improvement, should the original fail. If you attempt fortification and are not already supplied with an abler hand, (believe)