

William Hall to Samuel Marsden

Hull October 17th 1808

Rev^d Sir,

I wrote my first in haste as time would not [permit] of deliberacy before the return of post; upon a second consideration I would not hesiatate [sic] much to go with one person; provided he were a proper person and well informed, and I should like to have some acquaintance [sic] of him previous to such an arduous undertaking, but to go alone would be presumption, I could not see the least probability of success, but far be it from me to shrink or deviate from what you and I first agreed to when in Leeds. I hope I shall never have the least thought of it; my earnest prayer is that the Lord may be my guide and leader, and that he may bear me up through all the dangers and difficulties that I must inevitably meet with, and I fear not but through his gracious permission and divine assistance, I shall be enabled to persevere to the end and come off conquerors but why does not M^r. Cooper go at the same time [f] so that I might have some decent company with me. I apprehend you are in expectation of one man to go along with me and perhaps he may be approved of by the society, and perhaps not, so that I can have no dependance upon any one and if circumstances would admit I should go to Carlisle, to pack my own Tools and settle some necessary budiness, and particularly to see some of my relations before I leave England; as I left with no other view. I have been at a great expence since I commenced in this vocation, in the first place I waited five or six weeks in Carlisle in expectation of being called

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away daily, before Mr. Fawcitt [sic] received a determinate answer and then my journey to Leeds and back to Carlisle, and so to Hull, and my lodging expences ever since, which amount to no small sum; Mr. Barnes recommended a book, that would have cost £10, but I made choice of one that cost £1.8^s merely to save expence. [f]

I got a case of instruments which cost £4, besides a set of drawing moulds, which Mr. Barnes highly advised which cost £5 or upwards and would have been more if I had not assisted in making them; I am informed that such a set would amount [sic] to twice the sum at P. Steels Navigation Warehouse Little Tower Hill. I received £10.10^s from Mr. Scott which was very acceptable but £30 would have been little enough to have discharged all my expences, exclusive of what may be in future; I [demand?] nothing but what may defray my expences in the most economical manner, as in regard to my spending, it is nothing. I have never had so much as acquaintance [sic] to take a cup of Tea with me,

I am yours,

Sincerely,

W^m. Hall

P.S. You'll please to answer this

As soon as convenient.