

Thomas Dikes to Samuel Marsden

Hull 2 November 1808

My dear Sir

I do not choose to pay Mr Halls debts without first obtaining your approbation of the sums specified. He seems a good Man & I learn from a very able judge that he has made great proficiency in the art of ship building. Mr Barnes, I am persuaded, has taken great pains with him.

I have enquiries respecting Miss Barreh, and I learn, that, during her residence in Suffolk, she conducted herself in a very unexceptionable manner. I hope that she will make Cowper a good wife, if she shd be united to him, you, by seeing & conversing with her, may be able to form some idea on the subject. [f]

Perhaps you may have an opportunity of learning how she conducted herself in London.

Mr Hall's Bills are as follows

	£	S	D
To Mr Barnes for instruction	26	5	0
Carriage of Box		18	4
Cooper for black paint		13	0
Northern for an ivory scale & drawing pen		17	0
Turner for drawing Instruments	5	16	8
Wright and Borden for wood for making moulds	1	13	2
Clark & Lincoln for sawing the wood		12	6
Francis Branton for making the moulds	1	6	0

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Mrs Carter for Board & Lodging	14 17 0
For intended [sic] journey to Carlisle & return &c	12 12 0
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I have examined the bills I Believe them very right & proper. If you give me commission to draw upon you for 65.10.8 I will advance the whole sum: in the mean time, I will let Hall have twenty or thirty Guineas on acc^t. He has rec^d £10.10.0 from Mrs Scott which he has spent in journeys to Leeds [f] in several journies to Paul with Mr Barnes to examine the ship of the Line, which is now constructing there &c &c. You must tell me where I must draw upon you i.e where I must specify in the bill your residence.

I was from home when your letter arrived. I have not learnt the particulars of the revolution in new south wales, but I am glad, that you suppose it may eventually turn out for the good of the colony. The wonderful power of God is exhibited in a very striking manner, in his bending the purposes of Men into a [different] direction from what they intend and causing [even] bad passions to subserve his glory.

I remain, dear Sir, Yours very truly

Thos Dikes

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