

From the Rev: Thos. Dikes
to the Rev: S. Marsden

Hull Nov. 2. 1800

My dear Sir,

I do not choose to pay Mr. Hall's debts without first obtaining your approbation of the sum 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 made enquiries respecting

Mr. Hall's Bills, are as follow.

To Mr. Barnes for instruction in the art of Ship building	26. 5
Carri ^g . of box 10/4. Cooper for blk paint	13/4 1 11. 4
Northern for an ivory scale & drawing pen	14.
Turner for drawing Instruments	5. 10. 0
Wright & Bowden, wood for making moulds	1. 13. 2
Clark & Lincoln for sawing the wood	12. 0
Isa ^{ac} Branton for making the moulds	1. 0
Mr. Carter for Board & Lodging	14. 17
For intended journey to Carlisle & return to	12. 12
	<hr/> £65. 10. 0

I have examined the bills I believe them
very right & proper. If you give me
commission to draw upon you for £65.10.0
I will advance the whole sum: in the
mean time, I will let Hale have 20 or
30 guineas on acc^{ts}. - He has rec^d £10.10.0
for Mr Scott which he has spent in
journey to Leeds, in several journeys to
Paul with Mr Barnes to examine the
Ship of the Lion, 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 am, dear Sir

Yours very truly

Mr Dike