

Pembroke Dock  
26<sup>th</sup> December 1846

My dear Mr Maymouth

I was very glad to have a few lines from you because I conclude you were well, and if you are obliged sometimes to find fault with me, it does me good for I know it comes in kindness from the heart of a good and sincere friend. I regret I have given you so much trouble, but if I was near enough to have your advice it would be of great service to me, I should not then get so often in trouble.

With respect to the Smack Robert Hadden I regret that the owner has been so dishonorable for when he sent me his complaints I brought them before Mr Warlow, he immediately sent and desired him to get all he then wanted done, to his own satisfaction, and he would pay what was demanded for it, the mast was not made a standing grievance, you are aware my report was filled up in the usual way, most sufficient, by direction of the Builders, it was <sup>not</sup> noted to me of any objection

I am sorry one or the other is false, in this I was not aware of the length of the mast, but after the last note of the owner, I sent the length, breadth, and depth, of the craft to a few of the Builders here asking them to give me the length they would put in a smack of that dimensions, First I had 42 ft second 43.6. third 46 ft last 50 ft, so much for opinion, the mean of them would be 45.5. I then asked Mr Warlow what was the length he supplied said vessel stated 45 ft, unfortunately I concluded it would have better if a longer had been put in, I think several of the complaints are frivolous, mark the petty, he has mentioned about the planing, a mean insinuation, I fancied when he held over me the threat to write to the Committee, he would make me beg of Mr Warlow to hush the matter up by relinquishing the extras, in my own defence I wrote him the letter, therefore I hope you will pardon me, will you kindly look over my letter to the Committee, take out of it what you please send it back that I may write another.

I am  
my dear  
Mr Maymouth  
your ever grateful  
& sincere friend  
William George