

Copy of a Letter from Capt. Cook
of His Majesty's Sloop the Resolution
dated the 19th of May 1772 —
to Mr. Stephens.

Sir

In consequence of Lieut. Cooper representing to me that the Resolution Sloop under my command was found upon trial to be so Crank that she would not bear proper Sail to be set upon her; I gave it, as my opinion that it was owing to the additional Works that have been built upon her in order to make large accommodations for the several Gentlemen Passengers intended to embark in her, and proposed that she might be cut down to her original state which proposal I laid before you in my Letter of the 14th Inst. and likewise attended the Navy Board who were pleased to inform me of the alteration they proposed to make which alteration I am of opinion will render her as fit to perform the Voyage as any Ship whatever. I understand that it has been suggested that I never thought her, or these kind of Vessels proper for the Service she is going upon; I beg you will acquaint their Lordships that I do now and ever did think her the most proper Ship for this Service I ever saw and that from the knowledge and experience I have had of these sort of Vessels I shall always be of opinion that only such are proper to be sent on Discoveries to very distant Parts. I am Sir

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Cook of His Majesty's Sloop

the Resolution dated the

19th May 1772.

To Mr. Stephens.

Copy of a letter from Capt. Cook
of the Endeavour, dated the 17th of May 1770
to Mr. Oglethorpe.

1770

The encouragement of distant trade is a
to me that the Endeavour ship under my command
was forced upon that is to say that the vessel
was not proper but to be sent upon this voyage it
is my opinion that it were better to the satisfaction
of the Board that some other ship was ordered to
make some observations for the benefit of the
navigation intended to be made in the Pacific
that the vessel should have to be ordered to
make observations of the stars in my letter of the
17th and the other letters of the 20th and 21st
were directed to require me to the satisfaction of
the Board to make such observations as I should
think proper in my ship's journal. I understand
that it has been suggested that some ship
should be sent upon this voyage for the purpose
of making observations of the stars for the
benefit of the navigation. I am very glad to
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Navy Office 19th May 1772

William Appleby Pilot of the Resolution Sloop attending was call'd in and discours'd on the qualities of the said Sloop. He acquainted the Board that he took charge of her at Deptford & Piloted her to the Warp below Sheerness. That she is very crank owing to her being over built with the additional Works rais'd on her. That he is well acquainted with these kind of Ships having served his time in them, and been Mate and Master of several of them, and that they are of a built for burthen and stowage. That he is of opinion if the additions were taken away, she will be as good as any Ship of that kind. That he never heard of her being esteemed Crank when a Merchant Ship or could say any thing to that effect having never seen or known the Ship before.

Navy Board.
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19th May 1779

Copy of the Navy Board's
Minute of Examination
of the Pilot of the
Resolution Sloop
touching her qualities.