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Honble Genl^l

I receiv'd your Orders of the 6th & 8th instant, and shall obey them in every particular, the delay of the Works of the Tury, is owing to the want of Plank, and other Materials, not to the want of Workmen, as I have before inform'd your honors, some was taken for other uses, and a great deal turn'd out unfit for Service. M^r Sime tells me he is in daily expectation of the arrival of all materials from England, but M^r Mackenzie is not yet come back, so that I have no Assurance of its being provided, further than M^r Sime tells me, and till it arrives I can form no judgment of the time she will be completed. I shall according to my duty use the utmost diligence. And am &c

Leith 15th Dec^r 1770.

Tho^s Coleman

Navy Board.

15 October 1770

Mr Coleman

complaining of delay.
in the Contractors in
building the ship
at Leith.