

Capitol Hill

City of Washington

13. Dec. 1807.

I did not hear until yesterday, that a day  
was fixed for the Court-martial. Let me know the return  
of Post, if you have any Council, and who he is  
you have chosen, as you know, abstracted from the  
Lawyer, I am a tolerable good Sailor, and I might  
be able to transmit him some hints, which, if properly  
managed, might avert the impending Storm. - I regret  
that I am at such a distance, for I would cheerfully  
lend my aid: and the distance I should think of as  
nothing, if my finances would enable me to travel;  
but unfortunately they do not, or I would as a friend be  
along side of you, in the hour of Trial. -

Commend me respectfully to your  
Brother, & both your families, & believe me

with every sincere wish for a happy termination  
to ~~the~~ unfortunate business, and with a hope  
you will excuse the offer I have herein made,

I am, Sir, Yours very respectfully

Henry Bickerton

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