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To the Hon^{ble} the Gov.^r & Council of the State of New Hampshire
Gentlemen

I beg leave to take this Opportunity to give you early Intelligence of the new Discoveries that have Just been made in France. A metal to sheath the Bottom of Ships, also a Mastic to nourish Iron, keep it from Rust & preserve it sound for many Years are Just invented.

The Utility of Copper was known long ago Chiefly in Navigation, it being scarce and too dear for a General Use, most part of the Merchant vessels were debar'd of that Advantage. The new metal resembles Copper, has all its good qualities and sells as well as the Mastic for half its price.

An Experiment was lately made in Paris by able Chymists & learned Philosophers: they soak'd iron nails varnish'd with the Mastic in the most Corrosive matters: after they had laid in them during some days, they were extracted fresh and ungnaw'd: so that they may be used instead of Copper ones being esteem'd preferable to them.

These new Inventions were scrupulously & minutely examined before they could obtain the approbation of the King, and the authority of Government to have their Fabrics establish'd. Orders are Issued for the Royal Navy to make use of those articles: Considerable Demands are made by several Opulent Houses of Holland & France.

Nobody can deny that ships sheathed with Copper will make double the Voyages of others: because they sail faster and are not detain'd in Ports for cleaning, Careening & paying them with Coats. The Metal remains fix'd as long as the ship last, whereas, before others that have no Copper are unfit for service, they cost twice

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or or three times as much as they did when they were built. I beg you would consider how important these new Discoveries are to Trade & Navigation in General. Manufactures are establish'd; the Company that direct them have appointed and constituted me their sole Agent to export their Metal & Mastic to America in General; they have granted me an exclusive Privilege to that Effect.

My late Partner M^r. Plarne; who was unfortunately drown'd in Potomack river has I believe been entrusted with your Confidence. I am known in America since the year 1775 when first I carried to Cambridge Gun-powder, Arms and other Military Stores to defend your Liberty; I have from that time supplied several States with the like articles, besides Cloathing & accoutrements for your Troops. Being concern'd in your welfare & Independence, I make bold to offer you my humble services. I propose at the same time to furnish you the metal & Varnish on the following Terms Viz^t. To ship them on your account & Risques; the Stock of the Concerned for the establishment of the new Fabrics and purchase of their materials being very Considerable, they demand ready-money or Bills at short dates when I ship their merchandise. Consequently Payment is to be made by the Purchasers either ready money or with Bills on France, Spain or Holland drawn at short times. A Commission will be allowed for my troubles in shipping them. Should you prefer to send your Vessels to France in order to have them sheathed with the new Metal please to send them

them to my address. If my Proposals are agreeable to you and
 your Hon^{ble} Navy Board, as soon as I receive your orders, I will
 comply with them And I shall make my Study to turn every
 thing with economy to your Advantage. My Attention to your
 Business will I hope, give you unquestionable proof of my
 true attachment to your service. That I may be entitled to the
 Continuance of your favors is the sincere wish of

Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t
 & devoted humble servant
 J. P. PENNY

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