Salem December 22 1797

Sir I receiv'd your Letter of the 18th I have consulted the Marine Society of Salem & it is there opinion that a boat of the following dementions would be the most Suitable for the Island. Viz. twenty four feet keel, ten & one half feet beam, & three & one half feet hold, they deck to lay upon the Gunnvales, with rales about eighteen Inches high. to have A Cockpit abaft, about Six feet Long, the Stem to Come up So as to receive the moorings over it. to have two Masts with a boom fore Sail. Mr Becket of Salem would readily build Such a Boat Should you think proper to have her built in Salem. with respect to the best way of Mooring the boat, I think the Method at Sandy Bay. the Cheapest which is to have a tree with the roots on through a hole in a Large Rock Sunk which will stay and has long been found the best way. the Monument is down. So as not to obstruct the light

I am your most obidt. Servt.

George Chapman

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