

Calcutta 3^d August 1852

To Adam Frier Smith Esq

Acting Consul for the United States

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of yesterday Date, directing me in your official Capacity of Acting American Consul to receive on board the Ship *Brisa*, under my Command for a free passage to the United States, a M^{rs} Angel said to be Citizen thereof

In reply I beg to state that with every Desire & Inclination on my part to comply with your instructions I am utterly unable to do so for want of room having no Cabin or other Accomodation available of which could be placed at M^{rs} Angels disposal

The truth of which Assertion would at once be obvious to you should you be disposed to inspect my vessel personally and in common decency forbids me putting her in the Forecastle amongst the crew

I trust you will be able to find a more comfortable passage for her in some other Ship

I am Sir

your most Obedt Serv^t

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Commanding Am^r Ship *Brisa*

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To Adam Freer Smith Esq
Acting Consul for the United States

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of Yesterdays Date, directing me in your Official Capacity of Acting American Consul to receive on board the Ship Orissa, under my command for a free passage to the United States, a M^{rs} Angel Said to be Citizen thereof

In reply I beg to State that with Every Desire & Inclination on my part to Comply with Your instructions I am uterly unable to do so for want of room having no Cabin or other Accomodation Available which could be placed at M^{rs} Angels disposal

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I am Sir

your Most Obt Svt

J Sears

Commanding Am Ship Orissa



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