Boston, February 13, 1812.

Capt. Allan House
Capt. American Consul
His Excellency.

Dear Sir:

Sometime since your wife wrote to Washington, by the enclosing the Department supposed you were dead and it has been hard to prove (for some reason known to themselves) that you were alive. Now if you will send me your Power of Attorney certified by the American Consul as owner of so much of the Brig Newbury we think we can get it all just right and will go immediately to Washington and get the matter settled. We think we can with your Power of attorney get it filed up at once, by using our influence, at least we are told so. We hope you will attend to this at once.

Yours Truly,

Jos. Nickerson
Per打开June 20, 1772

Gentlemen,

Yours of Feb. 13th was read May 25 & this is the first time I have been where there was a Copy of the original Engraved please find the Power of Attorney as requested.

Should you succeed in collecting please retain my share as Master as well as part Owner & after paying yourselves the amount of your bill again against me please pay the balance to my wife & send her your cost.

I believe you have captis of previous settlements that will assist you in making out my share of that this being has the form. Hoping you will succeed your most devoted,

William Penn

Yours truly,

Dear Sir,

Per Diligence

[Signature]
Boston February 13th 1872.

Capt Allison Howes
Care American Consul
Aspinwall.

Dear Sir:--

Sometime since your wife wrote to Washington, by her writing the Department supposed you were dead and it has been hard to prove, (for some reason known to themselves), that you were alive. Now if you will send me your Power of Attorney certified by the American Consul as owner of so much of the Brig Newbury and agent, we think we can get it all put right and will go immediately to Washington and get the matter settled. We think we can with your Power of Attorney get it fixed up at once, by using our influence, at least we are told so. We hope you will attend to this at once.

Yours Truly
Jos Nickerson & Co

[On back, in a terrible scrawl, a draft of what he sent no doubt:]

Port Simon\(^{[39]}\) June 26 / 72

Messrs Jo\(^{a}\) Nickerson & Co
Gentlemen

Yours of Feb 13th was recd May 23 & this is the first time I have been where there was a Consul since England please find the Power of Attorney as requested Should you succeed in Collecting please retain my share as Master as well as part Owner & after paying yourselves the amt of your bill against me please pay the ballance to my wife & send her your acct I believe you have Copies of previous settlements that will assist you in making out my share If not Mr Lincoln has the form

Hoping you will succeed

I am your Obt Servt
Allison Howes

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to collect the am’t of charter due me as \(\frac{3}{8}\) owner & agent Brig “Newbury” & owners by the U S. Government from Allison Howes of Brewster Mass.

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\(^{[39]}\) The only thing that comes close to this on modern maps is Point Simon on the Island of Andros in the Bahamas.