To permit me begging as a favour to have a Committee composed of three Members, acquainted each with the principles of Geometry and Mathematics, the principles of Physics; the different situations and cases of Ships; either sailing or lying-to-at-sea, or in anchor in harbour; and the requisite qualities they must have for to be as perfect as possible. That I may first demonstrate before them, that the Method called geometrical attributed to Mr. De Chandal, which the Shipwright generally follow and use for marking their Plans of Ships, is so defective that it is impossible to make even a perfect Vessel by it. And next to demonstrate that the Plans which I shall submit to their view, are so combined by my new method, unknown to others, that the Vessels built on them shall be as perfect on all accounts as can ever be any Vessels having the same principal Dimensions.

Therefore if my prayer thereon be granted, I think the proper place where to have it done, will be in a large room in the Secretary of Naval Department Hotel, which room must be provided with sufficient number of tables, benches to sit at, my plans, besides several sheets of paper on which are figures, and calculations relative thereto; and because there may be models of Vessels, both by the water and the air, and better said, Demonstrations, and that a Saturday be appointed to make said Demonstrations for the benefit of the Honourable Members of the Navy of all Denominations, who will be present, as also all other officers of the United States, principally the Naval Officers, and Shipwrights by station.

And please your Excellence to let me know your approbation, and changes you shall think proper in the above dispositions, if my prayer be granted, of Your Honour — if not?

I am with the greatest respect

Your Excellence

Washington City, January the 10th, 1806.

Most humble and dutiful Servant

J. A. C.

City Tavern, by Mr. Rhodes.

This Excellency Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States.
I Peter Linné, formerly bust of the Frigate Alliance, wrote to the Hon. Th. Saïm, Esq. three years ago, my opinion against having the Man of War of the United States's military arsenals and harbours either at Brook-lyn, near New York; or at Washington's City; and Th. Saïm told me he had given that letter to his Excellency Th. Jefferson, President of the United States.

I have a system of organisation made for the Navy of a Republic, which will contribute to render it as perfect as possible. I have wrought the last ten years on the form that the same or bottom of men of war ought to have to be as perfect as possible, and have found that by the methods known, described in the Encyclopedia, and Authors thereabouts it is impossible to attain it; but I have found the method to do it by a series of combinations, which I have the presumption to believe to be the only prosper of, and that it may many centuries resolved before it is discovered by any other.
Landais Peter.

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