

NAVY OFFICE

Sir,

The Commissioners of the Navy have received your letter of the 15 (month unknown) requesting leave to go *to North America in command of the ship Nestor,* and I am commanded by them to acquaint you, that they are pleased to give you *twelve* months' leave to go thither, under the Restrictions, viz.

That if, while absent you go to any other place or into any other service, than that for which your Leave was granted, you do immediately inform them thereof.

That you do not enter into the Service of any Foreign Prince or State.

That you do return to England, within Six Months after being thereupon required by Public Notice in the London Gazette, on Pain of being struck off the List of Masters in the Royal Navy.

If you should have occasion to remain longer abroad than the Time for which your Leave is hereby granted, you are to apply in due time to the Commissioners for the Renewal of it: and when you return to England, you are to give them immediate information thereof.

I am,

SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

(signed)

To Mr. *George Thom*
Master in His Majesty's Navy
at *Aberdeen*