

Sir

Boston Feb<sup>y</sup> 21. 1777

Your Favour of the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant is just come to Hand wherein you Recommended Capt. Tho<sup>s</sup> Dalling to me as a Person every way qualified to take a Masters Birth on board my Ship I would in Answer to your Letter Inform you that I am not provided with a Master & from your Recommendation I should be very glad to receive him, therefore beg that you would Inform him of it that he may come forward as soon as possible as the Ship will be ready for Sea in a very short time. I should be glad you would write me the first Opportunity whether he will accept or not as I have another Person in View — Hope to see you before I Sail

I am Sir —

with great Respect  
your most Obed Serv<sup>t</sup>

John Manley

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John. Mansley's Letter  
Feb. 15. 1777

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To  
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at Portsmouth