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mm aving receives the Bound's Orders to gove directions to the Artificers al Your front to bill out sprepare Carriages for the Ships that will be ready in the lower of 2 or 3 Menry in Order for their being Seanand before they are hound off; I am to acquaint you that the Bound have a have agreed that the Carringer shall be prepared in the following manner, --- The Sides to be pland up & dowell'd logether, the fleps litt, the after to be planed & the Arme turn'd but not framed, the Transama likewise to be planed but not framed, Moollodo Coins & Jancha to be finished I and also to inform Mow that the -Anchauses where the Camaces in this States are to be deparis-- ted, shoud be very day . and have Windows sufficient for a free linentations of This, prices of day Wood at least 1/2 Inch thick shoul be put between each side to keep there afraid at a proper distance, _ If the Cominger should be Water Wet a very freak from the Saw, they shoul stand vingly about the flore house some time before they are stacked other ways they will be liable to damage by the pieces that lay Retween them I am likewise to acquaint you that the Corringed that have been stacked in the Winter or Autumn must be taken down in the floring & fresh Mached , to wipe off the Millduo , & shift the pieces , & these that have been put up in the Summer must be taken down in the Autumn & treated as above), I have usate to M' Wheeler to rend Me an account of what this Carriage Malo, He has, and as soon as I receives his anower), shall send him directions for lutting out the Comage I am Gontlemen Siden Sy your mail burn? Jower stan 131. 1778.

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Respective officers of the Ordnance Plymouth Portsmouth

Date stamped 31/JA

Gentⁿ

Having received the Board's orders to give directions to the Artificers at your port to cut out & prepair Carriages for the Ships that will be ready in the Course of 2 or 3 Years in Order for their being Seasoned before they are bound off; I am to acquaint you that the Board have have agreed that the Carriages shall be prepared in the following manner: The sides to be planed up & dowelled together, the Steps cut, the Axtrees to be planed & their Arms turn'd but not framed, the transoms likewise to be planed but not framed, Stoolbeds Cains & Trucks to be finished. I am also to inform you that the storehouses where the Carriages in this State are to be depainted should be very dry and have Windows sufficient for a free Circulation of Air. Pieces of dry wood at least 1 ¼ inch thick should be put between each, Side to keep them apart at a proper distance. If the carriages should be Water Wet or very fresh from the saw, they should stand singly about the Storehouse some time before they are stacked. Other ways they will be liable to damage by the pieces that lay between them. I am likewise to acquaint you that the Carriages that have been stacked in the Winter or Autumn must be taken down in the Spring & fresh Stacked to wipe off the Mildew & shift the pieces & those that have been put up in the Summer must be taken down in the Autumn & treated as above.

I have wrote to Mr Wheeler to send Me an Account of what Ship Carriage Notes He has, and as soon as I receive his answer, I shall send him directions for Cutting out the Carriage Sides &c I am Tower Jan^{ry} 31st Gentlemen 1778 your most hum^{bl} serv, *The*^g *Butler* Ent^d