

A Copy of Letters that pass'd between Captain
Starbuck of the Mercury British Frigate and the
Governor Bowdoin of the Massachusetts' Commonweal

Mercury Boston harbor Aug 1, 1775

Sir

I am sorry to be oblig'd to present to your
excellency the continued insults and disgraceful indigni-
ties offer'd by hundreds in this town to me and my
officers, which hitherto, we have wink'd at, as well
as the most illiberal and indecent language, with
which the newspapers have been fill'd, nor should
I have troubled you now had I not been pursu'd
and my life as well as that of one of my officers
been endangered by the violent rage of a mob
yesterday evening, without provocation of any
sort.

I trust it is needless to recommend to your
excellency to adopt such measures as may discover
the ring leaders, and bring them to public justice
as well as to protect us from further insult.

I have the Honour to be
Your Excellency's most obedt. hble. Servt
To his Excellency Governor Bowdoin.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, Aug 1.

Sir
Your letter of this date is now before me. It
is the great misfortune, that the subjects or citizens
of different countries; which have been at enmity
cannot easily recover that degree of good humour
which should induce them to treat each other
with proper decorum, when the governments
to which they respectively belong, have enter'd
into a treaty of amity, and sheath'd the sword.
But you must have observ'd, that disturbanc