

either the want of energy in government or the
inclination of the governor to correct such notorious
suits to public characters, in which light only
can desire to be received. I have the Honour to
To his Excellency } Your Excellency's most obt. hble. Servant
Governor Bowdoin }

"Capt. Stanhope.

"Your letter bearing date the second
instant, was delivered to me by your lieutenant,
Nash, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

"I hereby let you know that as the letter
conceived in terms of insolence and abuse altogether
unprovoked, I shall take such measures concerning
it as the dignity of my station, and a just regard
to the honour of this Commonwealth, connected
with the honour of the United States in general
shall require.

"Boston, Aug. 3, 1785 }
6 o'clock P.M. }

Miriam Nantasket
Aug. 4, 1785, half past 12.

Sir

I am to acknowledge the honour of your Excellency's
letter, this moment receives, and have to assure you,
I shall most cheerfully submit to the worst consequences
that can arise from our correspondence, which I
do not conceive, on my part, to have been conducted
in terms of either insolence or abuse, which is more
than I could venture to say of yours; and however
altho your Excellency's station is, I know not of any
more respectable than that I have the honour to
fill. I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's most obt. hble. Servant

To his Excellency }
Governor Bowdoin }

From a Spartan Lady to her Son on the
of his having fled from a battle wrote him this Letter

"Same speaks ill of you, efface it
or be no more."