

Capt Geo Stiles

May 29<sup>th</sup> 1813

Soliciting a Vessel pure  
by the Marine Committee  
to try an Experiment of red  
hot Iron.

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Granted

Stiles

The Committee of Supply

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Gentlemen

This city under your direction has been at the expence of purchasing a vessel for the purpose of experiment to what effect our force can injure our enemy. as the Corps under my command is to exercise with hot shot on Monday next from the Marine Battery, I request the favour of being permitted to try the experiment on that vessel. should any thing occur that may destroy her it cannot operate against the protection of our city. should she be burnt it is the object we have in view, and will only show what can be done. should she be sunk I can raise her and deliver her to you in nearly as good order as I received her. should you think with with me, that practice is necessary to make perfect, the schooner will be the mark for the Corps under <sup>the</sup> ~~my~~ command of Gentlemen

Your Obs. S<sup>t</sup>

Geo<sup>v</sup> Sides

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