Henry Mowat to Samuel Graves, 4 July 1774

Canceaux, Boston 4 July 1774—

Sir,

His Majesty's Armed Ship under my command, now being under such Orders and in such a situation, as requires every Officer to execute in the strictest manner the duty of his office, and to be upon their guard against the insults of a licentious set of people, as well as for the attention so necessarily required for the preservation, and oeconomy of the Kings Stores committed to their charge: In consequence of which, I think it a duty incumbent on me, to make known to you Sir, that the Canceaux had no Gunners appointed at the time the other Warrant-Officers wre; owing to my not applying for one at the time that I did for the others, and as I have experienced the great want of one, and the bad consequences that may arrise from the Ships not having this Officer, I pray you will be pleased to take this application into consideration and appoint one. I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient

and most Humble Servant.

H. Mowat

Canceaux Armed Vess:
her Establishment

1. Lieutenant

1. Master

1. Boatswain

1. Carpenter

3. Midshipmen

45. Men—including the above Officers.

Internal address: "Samuel Graves Esqr: &c. &c."

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