

vessel a few years since and applied to me for
Timber to build another and Liberty to build it
on Camps Belle; by which means they said that
they could have a Credit at Moon Island which
would enable them with the Sails saved from the
wreck and assistance of a settler, a carpenter, who
would take one third of the new vessel, to finish the
same. The Carpenter, one Nathaniel Coring, and
James Martin agreed for the Timber; the vessel was
finished and launched, Burthen about 112 Tons.
A Register was obtained at Saint John in the
names of the three persons above specified, as Owners
of equal Shares: the vessel was ~~before~~ before any
disagreement occurred, in the hands of James
Martin & D. Davidson; when Coring died and left
a widow and Baby about four months old only to
possess the property - he never received any Dividend
from the vessel, which was profitably employed. The
widow claimed her rights; but received nothing. The
vessel was continued three months as before, when
James Martin - To wit. on April 1804 - obtained
a new Register from the Warden on the Names of Colin
Campbell, Isaac Andrews and himself as Owners
to the exclusion of the widow & Infants; and against
Law: There was no Transfer of Coring's Share - and in
the same port, a Transfer is by Endorsement of the
old Register. - Robert Pagan said that I ought to
administer and see Justice done to my Settlers widow.
She had lived ten years with him, as a servanthomeid.

I consented, received Letters jointly with the widow
Margaret Coring; and endeavored to recover the vessel
Andrews, Campbell promised to settle it without suit.
They are now the only Owners: for Martin had sold
his Share - I expected an amicable Settlement; but
last Evening, after waiting over one year and half
Andrews said that he could not settle the business.
In short; they mean to hold the widow's Share without
account - I presume that the Share is secure -
and that they are bound to allow a fair Charter
for the Term from Coring's Death - I called on Mr.
Wentworth in May last and stated the Facts - he
referred to his Books and found the Imposition on
his Office - I also took Mr. Wetmore to examine
the business - Now I think it necessary to have
your directions of Office how to act - In short
I think it requisite, that the Estate be put in your
hands and the child in Ward - No Action but
a Petition will give the vessel, or a Libel in the
Admiralty which will be expensive - No time should
be lost; for the Seamen claim large sums as wages:
and if the property be not secured soon, it may be lost
for ever - The appropriation is horrid - would not the
Character lay an Imposition so as to stay waste
of the vessel? - I leave the Business to your Judgment
with your Orders; or relinquish my favor, if
you will permit me, into your care - with respects

I remain Your Obedt. Servt

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