

Sirs

Navy Yard June 22. 1795

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I have to observe on Mr Fox's letter to you dated navy yard  
Portsmouth June 9. 1795, That neither time or expence should be spar-  
ed in laying the keels of the Frigates, in the best possible position  
for launching; I think from his description of the ground  
it will be very proper to lower the keel about, in fact to keep  
it as low as possible on the blocks all fore and aft, as will barely  
admitt of peeing on the false keel. If they have suf-  
ficient water for launching, I would give the keel the same  
delevation as the launching ways, If the water is scant it  
should be less, as described in a former letter to you on  
that subject.

I am with much Esteem & Respect

Joshua Humphreys

The Hon Secretary at War

June 22 1795

Joshua Humphreys.

re. sundry observations on  
Mr. Foxes Letter from Portm<sup>o</sup>

copy sent to Josiah Fox  
Naval Constructor - Norfolk

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