

Mr. Bowditch's Reply.

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Dear Sir,

Our divergence in opinion on the subject spoken about in your letter to me, received this day, is so great that I think any further discussion time lost. Having used the larger portion of my life in working for and practising independence of speech and action, I am unable to see the occasion to put aside the habit now, and feel a right to be respected in the conscientious use of the same.

Feeling also confident that at some cooler moment you may see cause to regret having sent so ungenerous and uncalled for a letter to a friend of twenty years' standing, I remain,

Truly yours,

Wm. J. Bowditch.

March 30, '68.

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