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Letter from
Charles Stewart to William Tudor, Jr.,
May 22, 1815

USS Constitution Museum Collection [2380.1]
New York May 22.d 1815

Dear William,

    Thank you for your kind
Post. S. to my wifes letter, we shall
soon be with you, as I am ordered to
restore Old Ironsides to the Bostonians
where she belongs, Indeed non but
such a fat headed fool as the late
Sectry* [in pencil] would think of ordering
her elsewhere, our little navy has
all the encouraging qualities that
a nation could wish & be proud of
but where energy is most wanting
there its most deficient. Adieu
my dear sir until I can be
with you and in the interim
accept the assurances of my
affectionate regard.

    C. Stewart

Ben W Crowninshield,
Sec Navy [in pencil]
Boston " 25th.

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