

On board Ship Geo Cumings
N York 1st Sept. 1828

Answer to paper

Dear Sir,
I beg you to accept on behalf
of yourself & fellow passengers my most
sincere thanks and grateful acknowl-
-edgments for your very flattering expressions of
-sentiments towards me, and for the very
generous present of a piece of plate
in testimony of regard.

While I accept these testimonials with
infinite pleasure, must acknowledge
that ~~merely~~ to have done my duty by
contributing as much to your cause for
as the nature of a voyage well admit
deserves no consideration ^{from you} - but to awaken
your esteem & friendship calls forth the
most grateful feelings of my heart.

Again my dear Sir I pray you to accept
for yourself & fellow passengers these my
acknowledgments & sincere thanks, with
prayers for the ~~happiness~~ ^{prosperity}
of ~~the cause~~ ^{your cause}
to yourself individually for the very kind
friendly manner you have communicated to
me these sentiments allow me to add the

homage of the greatest respect and
most sincere esteem.

Very Respectfully

Yr. Obedt. Servant

Francis Pickens

To Mr. George Washington