

run over to Lowestoft before
Christmas: but, unless I am
wanted, I do not care to go
at this busy settling time. You
will let me hear from you when
anything is done or finished.

So no more at present
from your humble servant.

Keep sober, though it is
making up, and Christmas coming.

Woodbridge: Dec. 17.

My dear Captain -

I never received the Parcel
Letter which you told me you
sent last Friday. Either you or
the Railway man were five minutes
too late, I suppose.

I hope you were not out
last night; you could have done
no good, I think, even if you
kept out of mischief. I think
you must be making up today.
How that is all settled I do not
know; I know that if the crew
come off very poorly for their

shares, I should like to make
them some present over. But
I should not do so unless with
the Authority of the Captain.
You will take your own
Captains' Share, of course;
and with what remains we
must of course pay for Nets,
Wraps, Sails, and all that is due.
If you take out all the money
from the Salesman, do not
keep it at home; perhaps
you will only take out
what you want to pay

the Men, and leave the rest with
~~in~~ the Salesman till wanted.
You know why I tell you this;
as I have told you before, and
as I practise myself: not to
keep money in the house -

Mr. Spalding will help you to
any settling of accounts, whether
you come here, or he goes with
me to Lowestoft one day.

There, Posby; I believe this
is all I have to say now. I
shall be glad to see you
again, and should perhaps