

hurry to decide. Only, I repeat,  
if you are now decided not to come,  
let me know please; as I would  
then cast about elsewhere, I have  
spoken to no one but yourself  
about going, nor shall do so till it  
is decided. G. Frost spoke something  
to me of his going: but I told him I  
had other in my eye. If you don't  
come, I shall perhaps try Post.

When I propose this to you, I am  
of course supposing that you are  
to have done with Mr. Reed's Yacht.  
Else, I should not mention it; and I  
should be glad to hear you were fitting  
her out. You know, I dare say, that  
I give News... 30 a week, and  
keep on 5 months: though the last  
month is almost all at Schistow  
once more, write me a line if

you can't go: else think of it; and  
write me yours E. F. Fyfe  
Market Hill: Woodbridge.

Wednesday.

Gardner Frost was up here  
today, Captain, and tells me  
that he thinks Newsom will  
hardly get leave to go with me.

This I shall be very sorry for;  
but I would not allow him to  
throw up his pilotage on that  
account for any consideration.

When you were last at Woodbridge,  
I was almost on the point of  
asking you if you would go with  
me in case Newsom could not.  
But I did not ask you; thinking  
in the first place that it was rather  
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too early to ask you at all on  
the subject; and, secondly, that, if  
I had to ask you, it might be  
better to do so by letter. For, by  
so doing, you can consider the  
matter, if you think it worth  
considering: or you can decline  
at once, without any hesitation,  
if you do not. Indeed, no sort  
of hesitation need there be in  
the matter: it is a very small  
concern of you to take charge  
of: you have only yourself to  
consider; and, ~~even~~ if my  
thoughts on the matter were of  
any consequence to you, I

can say that, though I should  
be very glad if you could come,  
I shall perfectly understand that  
you have perfectly good grounds  
for refusing, without any wish  
to disoblige me.

If therefore you are decided  
beforehand not to come, I wish  
you would be so kind as to  
send me one line to say so.  
One line, I say, will do; for I  
shall understand it all in good  
will, without need of excuses.

But, if you think my proposal  
may be worth while considering,  
to consider of it; till we hear  
whether Newton can come or  
not, you need be in no