

Jersey City, Augt 24 1846

Capt. Ephraim Williams

Dear Sir

The Iolas has broken a water wheel shaft she broke yesterday on her passage down & returned with one wheel and has layed up for the purpose of putting in a new one which will all this week. Consequently I shall not be able to lend you any money until after she get running.

Yours

Charles Woolsey

New York 21 Sept 1846

Ephraim Williams Esq

Stonington

Dear Sir,

Mr. Foot called on me this morning in behalf of Mr. Wood in reference to the matter of the Iolas and expressed a desire to make an amicable arrangement. I have submitted to him an agreement substantially the same — with that which is proposed to submit to Eddy & Beibly on the morning of the day of sale. He did not object to the terms and my hope is that a favorable settlement may be effected which will secure to you your whole money.

On Saturday there was quite a fracas on board the boat. An attempt was made to take forcible possession of her & one or two of the assailants were severely injured. I rather think there will be no more attempts of this kind.

I will write again tomorrow

Very truly

Yours

E.H. Blatchford

New York 29 Oct 1846

Ephraim Williams Esq

Stonington

Dear Sir

In the matter of the Iolas I have been fighting your battles and I hope successfully although the result cannot be known until the smoke clears away.

Wood made a motion for the appointment of a Receiver of the boat to [view/ruin] her or to sell her and to bring the money into court to abide the event of the suit, and I made a motion for a dissolution of the injunction. The motions were argued simultaneously yesterday and today and the decision will probably be given next Monday. I look for a favorable decision but am of course as in every lawsuit liable to be disappointed. Mr. Batten argued the case with me and entertains no doubt as to the result. I enclose herewith copies of the affidavits used on both sides. You will be surprised to find Eddy furnishing us with his affidavit. He and Wood have quarreled and you know the old proverb "When rogues fall out honest men will get their rights." I do not however think it is quite right to call Eddy a rogue. Wood has misused him and made a tool of him and I believe he has been more suited against than suing. Beilby's affidavit too will surprise you. I think he would not have understood what he was about when he made it.

The enclosed are the only copies I have and I will thank you to return them to me immediately. The originals of course are left with the Vice Chancellor.

Yours

Very truly

E.H. Blatchford

PS – If the Vice Chancellor decides against us we shall of course appeal. But I think we must succeed & I believe you will think so on reading the affidavits. These motions have occupied my whole time for four days.

New York 24 Nov 1846

Ephraim Williams Esq
President
Stonington

My dear Sir

I have great pleasure in informing you that our cause with Silas Wood was decided this morning – The Injunction is dissolved and the motion for Receiver denied-

I have advertised the boat for sale next week on Wednesday at 12 o'clock. I will send you a copy of the paper containing the advertisement.

Yours truly
E H Blatchford

Jersey City Dec r 25th 1846

Ephraim Williams Esq r

Dr Sir – The time is drawing near for the Iolas to be sold which is Dec 30 at 12 o'clock at the Exchange – Mr Blatchford tells me he does not think you will be willing to pay or bid more than 7 or 8 thousand Dollars – My object in writing you at this time is to ascertain what your views are in relation to my buying her. – In the first place I think Mr Wood will be prepared to run her up to the sum of her indebtedness, if so let him have her or any one else that will give that amt. – But if Mr Wood thinks or finds we have not the money to pay for her he would buy her for a much less price than she is worth – The proceeds of sale that is all over \$6,600 (with interest) will be deposited in Some bank to await the decision of the Chancellor – that is the way I understand it. – Now by authorizing my Brother and myself to run her up to our claim or her indebtedness you will be compelled to advance more money.- If we should buy we will secure you on the Iolas and Roger Williams & would like you to make the Payments as easy as possible & I do not think you would have any occasion to anticipate any more trouble in the matter. – I should be pleased to hear from you & whether you will be here at the sale.- I should like to have you write by return mail or at least two days previous to time of Sale if convenient. I am somewhat fearful that Mr Wood is under the impression we have not got the money & that we will be compelled to let her go at his price. – In that case we would be the only sufferers. I hope you will think favorably of the Above

Very Respectfully,
Charles A Woolsey

Jersey City Dec 30th 1846

E. Williams Esqr

DrSir the sale of Iolas took place to day and we are the buyers at \$9,000 if you will come on by return boat and we will arrange matters to your satisfaction. the sooner it is sold we will have her at work if you can in any way come you will confes a great favour

Very Respectfully

C. A. Woolsey

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Brother B.F. m

Jersey City April 9 1847

Ephraim Williams Esq

Dear Sir

Received yours of the 7th yesterday afternoon but too late to answer. Yesterday the letter you enclosed from Wm. Shufeld & I took to Mr. Blatchford & told him to write him which he said he would do. I have been in hopes you would be in New York soon if you could make it convenient. I should like to see you here it may be necessary for you to come soon if we should sell the lolas which I am in hopes we shall do there is a Gentleman here from New Orleans who I think will buy her he likes her very well on examination tomorrow morning we shall give him a small sail in her around the harbor the Roger Williams leaves New York on Tuesday morning at 6 ½ o'clock for Albany & will run on Tuesday Thursday & Saturday from Albany the opposite days and the prospect for her making an excellent Masons work is good beyond a doubt I should very much like to have you go up with her the 1st trip or as soon after as you can please write me and let me know when you will come

Yours Truly

Charles Woolsey

Jersey City June 15th 1847

Ephraim Williams Esq

Dear Sir

We now have an opportunity to sell the steamer Iolas we can get eleven thousand dollars for her that is we can turn her for that amount to H.R. Dunham & Co which will reduce his claim on the Roger Williams to a small amount Please write me your views on the subject as soon as you can conveniently if you will consent to it it will be nessesary to cancel your mortgage on the Iolas which will be good on the Roger wither it can be done without your being here or not I don't know if it can be done by your authorizing Mr. Blatchford if you can not come on at Present I wish you would so & Much obliged

Yours Respectfully

Charles Woolsey