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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MARINE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

In a few days you will receive a copy of the spring issue of our Log. From it you will note that these are active and important days at Mystic Seaport. I trust that a careful perusal of the Log may bring to you not only interesting information but a very real enthusiasm for the new features and broadened scope of the educational message with which we hope to inspire our many visitors this coming season.

This past fall and winter have been a fruitful period in your Association's affairs. During these months much thought and work have gone into the strengthening of our position and our ability to fulfill our various functions. I am glad to be able to report that much has been accomplished in many directions although I regret that the problems before your officers and staff have in no way lessened. As we evolve from a somewhat small local museum into an institution of national interest, drawing visitors in ever increasing number from all states of the Union, Canada, and abroad, we are continuously confronted with new responsibilities and increasing demands on our all too slender resources. Were it not for the conviction that, during these rapidly changing times, attended by the infiltration of philosophies and practices hostile to those of our ancestors, the preservation of freedom itself is at stake, some of us might feel that our efforts to defend our great traditions are not worth the labor they entail. As it is, we stand - as we must - steadfast and dedicated to this cause, and hope we may have your continued and increased support to that end.

This letter is not intended as a report, but is rather an endeavor to highspot some aspects of your Association's affairs which I trust you may find of interest.

You will be glad to know that during this past winter, Mr. Cutler, for the first time in the twenty years of his continuous service to our Association, has had a three months sabbatical change of scene. It would be unfair to call it a vacation as during this period he worked just as hard as he always has at Mystic. Nevertheless, his visit to the Vancouver area has brought

