

the ship. And four equal-sized linen cloths, which had each four ounces of moisture in them, without dripping, being hung, one at each end of the ship, one in the middle, and the other in the well, they were all very dry, except that in the well, which being hung down near the water, had one fifth of an ounce of moisture in it, *viz.* one tenth part of the whole. So here is full proof that the timber of ships, thus ventilated, will be preserved from decaying much the longer.

As for the parcel from Capt. Ellis to Lord Halifax, as he is at Horton, near Newport Pagnel, Buckinghamshire, where he is like to continue, it will be well for you to write to him, to know where he would have it sent, which I believe will be to Horton.

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SIR,

Teddington, Sept. 16, 1752.

According to Mr. Pullein's desire, I am getting what mulberry-seeds I can here. He desired me also to apply to you for some. He says that one Perkins in East Smithfield has a large plantation of them, and often squeezes the berries. He says their pulp need not be washed, but only dried in the sun.

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SIR,

Jan. 7, 1754.

This *Fox-tail*, about four feet long, and in quantity sufficient to fill a three-inch bore, was taken out of the new-laid elm-pipes from Marth-gate to Kew-