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>Dear Mr Sexton

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>My name is Anne [REDACTED] and Captain (later Sir) Rutherford is part of my family history. This is mirrored by Captain William Skiddy on the American side who ran away to sea in the early 1800s to become a well regarded Clipper Ship Captain and was my great great grandfather.

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>We (or rather my Uncle [REDACTED] and my other Uncle [REDACTED]) have some of Captain Skiddy's momentos but not so many on the Rutherford side. There is of course the book A Lady of Quality and Captian Rutherford's portrait in the vaults of the Maritime Museum in Greenwich. I recently (2010) gifted Captain Skiddy's sliver ships horn to the Skiddy Collection at the Mystic Seaport Maritime Museum.

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>I am greatly interested in the sword I read about this morning in the Times on the way to work in London. I noticed the article on page 15 because of the picture of Captain Rutherford that I recognised immediately.

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>The Times mentions a splendid figure for the sword although to me the splendid figure was right there in the portrait. What ever happens could you please ask the new owner if he/ she wants to know more about Captain Rutherford.

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>Also if it fails to meet your reserve I would be happy to discuss.

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>Many thanks and regards from Anne

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>Sent from my iPhone