

A. M. Ship. Nelson
May 5th 1825

My dear

I had intended doing myself the honor
of writing on you on Tuesday last, but
your Lordship went out of Town that
morning, and my leave of absence having
expired I was obliged to return without
seeing you -

During my short stay in the neighbour-
hood of London, I met Sir John Lubbock
Benton, with whom I served a good
deal in the late war, and who is one
of the oldest friends I have. he told
me in confidence (but with permission
to communicate with your Lordship in
order that I might lay my own claims
before you) the prospect of his resigning
the command of his fleet, and taking
the Lord Lord Melville

his place at the navy board then
 Commr. Bowen ~~Deed~~ ~~Deed~~ ~~Deed~~
 returned -

Your lordship will remember that
 Sir John Buxton superseded me in
 the ^{temporary} command of that yacht, and
 that your lordship at the time was
 pleased to say I should have retained
 the command of her, had it been possible
 to have found any other situation
 for Sir John, on his return from
 the Cape -

I have now therefore to request
 yr. lordship will take my claims
 into consideration and trust your
 arrangements will permit you to
 give me the appointment when it
 becomes vacant -

My own personal services my lord
 during the late war, through things

acquired for me destination, you
 me little else, some land books,
 and with the family. I have, I consider
 it my duty to urge and lay my
 claims before you, which in other
 circumstances ~~to be~~ in a financial
 point of view I should not perhaps
 have done —

I have the honor to be

Your devoted

servant

Saml. Johnson

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