

Admiralty Office.  
8<sup>th</sup> May. 1826.

Sir,

My Lords Commissioners  
of the Admiralty having  
directed the Navy Board  
to cause the Yacht you  
command to be prepared  
for service; I am com-  
manded by their Lordships to  
signify their direction to  
you to join the said Yacht  
at Deptford accordingly, and  
to have her ready to sail  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> instant.

Their Lordships have  
directed the Admiral at  
Portsmouth, to send the  
Captain Sir W. Hoste - Bt. K.C.B. Calliope  
(Royal Sovereign etc.)  
Stechin Ferry Southampton.

Calliope tender to Deptford,  
that her crew may be lent  
to navigate the Royal  
Sovereign on the present  
occasion; and the usual  
application has been made  
to the Ordnance Board, to  
cause her guns & Ordnance  
Stores to be put on board,  
on your applying for them

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

J. Ashmole,