

Deptford 10th July 1825

Sir

I enclose you two letters ^{one} for the Navy Board respecting the gratuitous stop clothing, and the other for the Lord Chamberlain respecting a requisition sent there some time ago, on its being likely H. R. Highness the Duke of Clarence would embark in the Yacht, and directions had then been given to the Upholsterer to comply with it, but when H. R. H. embarked in the Steer Boat they cancelled the order. If you will be pleased to forward the enclosed, directions will be given respecting the furniture. At present it is the intention to put the yacht out of dock on the 18th tomorrow week by that time the Masts Rigging &c. &c. will be ready — we generally get 50 men to complete our complement, and three Midshipmen, one Midshipman and a Lieut^{ant} are generally appointed to the yacht a little before we go

to see for Promotion, and are discharged directly we return.
 His R. Highness did not express any particular wish when
 last on board except the two ports to be cut in the drawing
 room this has been done, he is aware of the greatest parts
 of the Alteration that has taken place, and appeared
 to be much pleased with them - We always take
 6 weeks provisions to sea for Corn, except Salt Beef
 and Pork which we never use, consequently only take
 a couple of Casks of each. Provisions and other Stores
 allowed from the Dock yard, will be supplied us, on my
 Application - The Cooking Utensils, Plate, Linen, crockery
 ware, &c. will be sent us from Carlton Palace, Mr Croker
 will privately communicate with Mr Brent on this
 subject - I believe my late Captain gave you every
 information respecting the Ship, there is at present
 a quantity of wine and other Stores left in
 my charge from last years trip, all of which
 are safe on board the Hulk with me, among it
 there is a good quantity of Champagne His Royal
 Highness chief beverage is Cherry we have been
 hitherto supplied with wine by a Mr Ulluck
 who gave very great satisfaction to Capt Adam.
 I have taken the liberty to mention his name, should
 should you not have any other person, you wish to
 employ in his line, I have returned all the old charts

and job them taken off charge we are to be supplied with a new set. — As the new water Tanks received the other day have been found defective and are sent back to the contractor, prevent my getting the Cables and other stores on board while in dock, as they must be stowed away first. I will get the Builder to write about them tomorrow, and I hope to have them in a few days. — I shall immediately inform you should there be any detention in equipping the yacht. As the Dock yard officers have received directions respecting her, I should hope there will not be any, The Master attendant as yet is the only one that has given me any trouble which of course he will cease to do now. — I have wrote to inform the Officers of the ~~Office~~ of the Yacht's destination, and I will from time to time take the liberty of reporting our progress to you

I remain Sir

Your Obedient Servant

John Franklin

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