

R Sovereign Pt. Deptford 7th August 1825

Sir.

I have every thing in its place respecting the Tugging capets all down and the chief part of the furniture on board. I finished stowing the Tanks yesterday, and will get the provisions and water on board tomorrow and by the end of the week will have will have the cables and other stores in their place. The Navy Board have refused to give us Iron Stocked Anchors. The Admiralty have ordered the Frocks to be mark'd and have given direction that we are to be supplied with a 12 pound Howitzer, the letter on that subject I enclose. I felt anxious to see how

They would mount it for us, and upon
 going to Woolwich Warren yesterday for that
 purpose, I found that some mistake had
 been made for instead of the Howitzer selected
 by me, they had supposed the one required
 was the new Howitzer of 6 Cwt and I understand
 they have made some representation to their
 Board against their being supplied to Ships
 however as I pointed out the one selected
 for this yacht, they saw no objection to it
 and I hope the mistake will be soon re-
 -tified. I think Sir you had best write for
 the crew to be on board on the 25th and
 if you please to say that as our Hammock
 netting is but 11 Inches wide they are
 to bring small Hammocks with them also
 their usual clothes that they wear
 in their own Ship, as the Yachts clothing
 will be only given them while the
 Royal family is on board. The number
 of our Ships company have varied from

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from 50 to 62 men but as we have to man yards when the Barge and Gig is often away the following no of men would be the best crew for us. and what we generally have.

2 Boatswains mates
 3 Quatermasters
 10 Fore castle men
 10 Main Topmen
 10 Fore Topmen
 6 Mizzen Topmen
 2 Captains of Masts
 4 Gunners
 6 After Guard. (drawn men for the Quarters Sick)
 1 Cooks mate
 5th Signalman

with three Midshipmen and one Lieut
 I do not hear of any of the later gentlemen being appointed to us this time, we shall therefore have to get them from the guard ship. - The upholsterer have taken our things for repair &c last Tuesday and have promised to have them all on board by the 25th Mr Harris will write to you to day.

I remain Sir

Your Obedient Servant,

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