

Buckingham House.

Sunday

Eight.

Dear Sir,

In answer to yours from the land
of fleets I am to be sure happy about. I have been
wrote I have since your friend with the Palati:
and believe me equally am disposed to forward
the promotion of Mr. de Pesevise if it were
in my power: but all naval promotion is en-
-tirely in the hands of the First Lord of the
Admiralty. I think however this gentleman's

was so peculiarly kind that I flatter myself with
 memorializing the Admiralty, and he has re-
 -ally a chance of promotion.

Ever believe me,

I Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely

William

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