

my dear General

Burthen Inmaria July 12th 1782

I suppose our late or present chief has delayed
the Pacquet, she was underway this morning but
dropped her anchor again, which gives me an
opportunity of sending you a few lines more.
I have expected to sail morning after morning
but am still here without orders. I wish the
unnecessary delay of His Majesty's fleet, in not
following the enemy, may not be productive
of much evil - I have very openly spoken
out my sentiments to both the old & new chief
Indeed my dear General I wish much to be
home, for having laboured long and hard
to raise a character, I cannot feel easy to
have it sacrificed to inexperience, which
may probably be the case. I have troubled
you

you with a copy of Lord St^r's letter to me by the ^{pacquet} Aprilⁿ,
which though polite and civil made me suspect
something - and herewith you have that, delivered to
me by Admiral Pigott, which proves my suspicions
to be well grounded. It is one or other the most
desertical / I can't help calling it so / I ever read
It now follows — Sir. Admiralty April 29th 1782

Admiral Pigott will deliver you this letter, it is to
repeat the sincerity of my assurances to you, sent by
the April Pacquet, Success, unanimity & happiness attend
you, with your new chief; I can with great pleasure
assure you, that you have to do, with an officer of spirit
& honor, who whilst he is taking care of that honor,
will think it his duty to preserve that of others; Admiral
Pigott will inform you of Barrington's success the beginning
of his cruise, that it may be continued to crown all your
endeavours, & procure peace & quiet to this country. To
restore it's past sufferings, I most sincerely wish I beg
through your means to convey my compliments to the
Fleet

Fleet, and believe me Sir your very obedient &
Sir Samuel Hood Bart. Humble Servant
Keppel

N^o. If his Lordship had been candid, he should have added
that Admiral Pigott, having been on shore upwards of twenty
years, never hoisted his flag before, or ever commanded
any Squadron whatever, can have no knowledge
of the management of a great Fleet, therefore stands in
need of the cordial advice & assistance of every able
under his command - This would have been his
But I ask pardon, I had forgot that men
of days, may know their duty by intuition
not in need of experience & practice

Had our new first Lord been
disposed to be really friendly to me
he would not so long have neglected
to call my Brother into action, who I
readily confess is my superior in
naval knowledge, and a braver man
never drew breath. I put you to the expence of
postage for this. Ever and affectionately yours
Sam: Hood

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Major General Bnde

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