

Pegasus, in Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica, 26. May 1787.

Sir,

Captain Nelson being the Senior officer of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the Leeward Island Station, during an affair that has happened on board the *Pegasus*, thought proper to put under arrest Lieutenant Isaac Schomberg, first Lieutenant of His Majesty's Ship under my Command. I beg leave Sir to refer you to the narrative of the business for the particulars: the short of the matter is that I put Mr. Schomberg under arrest for disrespect to me his commanding Officer, and neglect of duty in disobeying my positive Orders, he made an apology and said how sensible he was of his past misconduct and errors. I forgave, and reinstated him in his command, and was in hopes, he would by his future minute attention to his duty, prove himself worthy of the lenity I had shown him, his conduct was diametrically opposite to what it ought to have been, for in the course of a few days after his enlargement, he disobeyed my positive commands, and upon my reprimanding him in the publick Order Book of His Majesty's Ship under my command, he made use of the most mutinous language, and wrote to Captain Nelson the commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels without previously acquainting me his Captain, and without his Letter going through my hands for a Court Martial as he terms it, to enquire into the justness of the accusation, as he did not consider himself guilty of the Charge. In the evening of the same day, upon my being informed of the steps taken by Lieutenant Schomberg, I sent for him into the cabin and represented to him his errors and impropriety of conduct, upon which he again

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made use of language highly improper and disrespectful as
the narrative circumstantially relates.

Now Sir, that I have laid before you the facts of this extraordinary
conduct, from an Officer who has had the honour of serving his
Majesty ten years in the capacity of Lieutenant, I must beg leave
to observe that I stand in the most singular predicament
relative to this business, for I am the only witness to support
the narrative, no person having been present, but at Mr. Schomberg's
behaviour when I read the order of reprimand, the persons present
were the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Pegasus, and my clerk,
I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

William.

Alan Gardner Esq.

Commodore and Commander in Chief

of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels

employed and to be employed at Jamaica,

the Bahama Islands, and Seas adjacent.

Pegasus, in Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica, 5th June 1787.

Sir.

Lieutenant Isaac Schomberg, first Lieutenant of
His Majesty's Ship Pegasus, having made such apology for
his past misconduct in the presence of Captains Browne
and Vashou, as has appeared to me sufficient, I am therefore
to signify to you, that I have no objections to his requesting your
permission

permission to withdraw his Letter to Captain Nelson for
about Martial: But from the differences that have so
frequently arisen between myself and M^r. Schomberg, I am of
opinion that the King's Service must suffer, if the said Officer
should be continued as first Lieutenant, and therefore, I must
request you will be pleased to let him be removed.

I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant
William.

Alan Gardner Esq.

&c.

Europa, Port Royal Harbour Jamaica, 6 June 1787.

Sir,

I have the honor of receiving your Royal Highness's
letter of yesterday acquainting me that Lieutenant Isaac
Schomberg, first Lieutenant of His Majesty's Ship Pegasus under
your Command has made such apology for his past misconduct in
the presence of Captains Brown and Vashon as has appeared to
you sufficient; and Lieutenant Schomberg having also by Letter
of yesterday's date acquainted me that the late unfortunate disagreement
between your Royal Highness and himself has been happily
adjusted through the kind interference of the above named Officers,
and has requested that I would permit him to withdraw the letter
he had written for about Martial to Captain Horatio Nelson of
His Majesty's Ship Boreas, and Senior Officer at the Leeward Islands.

I am to inform your Royal Highness that I have

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complied with Lieutenant Schomberg's request.

And as your Royal Highness is of opinion, from the differences that have so frequently arisen between your Royal Highness and Lieutenant Schomberg, that His Majesty's Service must suffer if the said Officer should be continued as first Lieutenant, and as your Royal Highness in your aforesaid letter has requested to have Lieutenant Schomberg removed, I have thought it best for His Majesty's Service to allow of Lieutenant Schomberg's quitting the Pegasus.

I have the Honor to be with great respect and consideration

Your Royal Highness's
most obedient

and most humble Servant.

A. Gardner.

His Royal Highness Prince William Henry.



W. H.
William

The Duke of Clarence