

Prince William

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Andromeda

Plymouth Sound  
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Sir,

Many times since I have arrived in  
England, I have been on the point of soliciting a favour of  
Your Majesty, and hitherto I have always been afraid of taking  
up the time employed by Your Majesty in affairs of moment,  
but being emboldened by the consciousness <sup>my</sup> of my request being dic-  
tated by gratitude, I now present humbly to be presented  
to Your Majesty that the obligations I am under to Captain  
Richard Goodwin Heath, who has the honour of being a  
Master and Commander, make me solicit some mark of a favour.

lation from Your Majesty towards him: when I first had the  
honour of entering into the naval service, Admiral Digby  
made Captain Treat, then Lieutenant, give me the first practi-  
cal rudiments in my profession, and as he advanced in the  
Prince George to have the charge of a watch, the Admiral with  
the entire approbation of Mr. Mayendie placed me in his  
watch so that I was with this officer from the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1779  
to the end of November 1781 when the Admiral's Flag was  
shifted on board the Lion: Captain Treat was removed into  
this ship with Mayendie's concurrence, and, during the ensue-  
ing winter I was on shore at New York, he used to go  
about with me as his steward was inconvenient for the Admiral to  
be of the party: during this winter Mr. Digby at my request  
promoted him to the rank he now enjoys in the Royal Navy.

John William

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At the time Your Majesty thought proper to remove me from Ad-  
miral Dight to answer under Lord Hood, and was graciously  
pleas'd to give Mr. Mayindie his choice either of returning  
home or of remaining with me abroad and in case Mayindie  
returned, a sea officer was to be appointed by either of these  
Admirals with his concurrence. Captain Treat was nam'd  
by Mayindie and myself. They leave to refer Your Ma-  
jesty for the above particulars to Mayindie who will I am  
confident confirm what I now have the honour of relating.  
In the room of Captain Treat Admiral Dight without  
the concurrence of Lord Hood sent Captain Paper, and Your  
Majesty has so thorough a recollection of what then pass'd  
and that I need not now mention it, and I may with the  
greatest truth affirm that had Captain Treat been the

Officer and every thing would have gone on as it ought, in which  
case my worthy friend Captain Theate would have had the  
honour of being personally known by Your Majesty and some-  
-times five years ago promoted: instead of which he is  
still a Master and Commander, though Admiral Digby on  
my quitting his post gave over his honour to promote him as  
though he was the person who had the first charge of me  
as an officer. Upon my being ordered out with Admiral Boscawen  
his son requested as a favour Captain Theate would accom-  
pany me: he is now on board the Andromeda, and has  
been during the cruise of inferior service to me. After having  
thus laid the circumstances before Your Majesty of the case  
of this deserving and unfortunate officer I most humbly

besides Your Majesty to take his case into consideration and if

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there is no impropriety in my request that he may be promo-  
ted to the rank of Post Captain: in order that Your Majesty  
may be convinced that I have not the most distant idea of  
asking for another favour of this sort, I solemnly declare  
there is no officer in the service to whom I can by any means  
indebted myself (Captain Heath: should Your Majesty be  
graciously pleased at my request to promote this officer,

I shall feel it as a most valuable favour towards myself,  
and as a circumstance not to be forgotten. I must be-  
lieve I have that heart, that whenever Your Majesty intends  
to confer a favour on me, this will be the greatest.

Your Obedient Son  
John Mordaunt

At the Part: he immediately proceeded to the Westward, and during the first week of his cruise made the most of the fine weather by cruising the Squadron with different evolutions. There was not a blow constant gale from the eastward so that Your Majesty's fleet was driven out of soundings in the Longitude of 13 West and the Latitude of 48. 20 North: but the ships have sustained no damage in those parts. The only the Colopus and Andromeda have hitherto had the advantage. The Admiral with the Portsmouth division of ships are just anchored in Lamsand bay, and the Plymouth Squadron in the sound.

I am,  
Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate  
and most devoted Man and Subject,

