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Dear Brother,

I have delayed writing till something might

be decided: but I believe something must still pass till we can ascertain

what is to happen: I can really give you no news: I am glad to

hear Jack Paine has got a Frigate: pray remember my good friend

I said he was never meant to be passed over: we are all here very dull

and busy getting out: the Salient does not advance as quickly as I

could wish from want of men: provisions are at last arrived: we

are very anxious to know our fate whether we are to be dismissed

or to be employed: I still am inclined to think peace will be establish'd

and there must be an inclination to a revolution in Spain: let me

know as soon as anything certain is determined:

I have my the town is very gay and lively: the newspapers give fine ac-  
-counts of your proceedings at masquerades fetes balls and various  
other gay and fashionable amusements: but I prefer to have all together:

but what is more than all: not a woman fit to be touched with the  
tongue: not a house to put your head in after dark: it is what the

French very properly call "le Ton". the only thing bearable is our

mess of Captains which is composed of a variety of different and strange  
out of the way characters: in short if it were not for the duty of the

ship I should perhaps hang myself.

I hope all our friends are well; and will not forget their aquatic ac-  
-quaintance: remember me kindly to Frederick: my love to

Pety and dear believe me

Yours forever

J. Pitt

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