

Duke of Marlborough  
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Plymouth.  
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Sir,

I was this morning honoured with  
Your Majesty's gracious and kind letter signifying  
the very favourable manner in which Lord St. Germain had  
spoken of the Tulant and of my personal conduct  
towards his Lordship. I received the most sensible  
satisfaction from the expressions of Your Majesty's  
approbation and shall be more particularly anxious  
to exert myself in my official capacity and  
as far as in my power I am to regulate my con-  
duct so as to carry on the service with clearness

and harmony.

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As Lord Howe has thus expressed himself satisfied  
with my conduct, I presume to request your Majesty  
that should it be judged proper for the fleet to return  
to sea I may have the honour of commanding under  
his Lordship's command and thereby of proving an  
able and experienced an officer.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate  
and most dutiful Son and Subject

Wm Pitt