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Portsmouth.  
Saturday  
Morning  
Tom's Club.

Dear Brother,

Ten thousand thanks for your kind  
letter and your delicate and friendly treatment of  
George who I hope will merit your approbation and  
his good fortune.

But new to public affairs the more I think of the  
Convention and Dupier. But the more I am convin-  
ced the more Generals and Mr Charles Matthews  
acted: our family must stand up for ourselves and  
the Duke of York ought to command us for myself

nothing but ten children can keep me back: for me  
me only do they depend and a man has public and  
private duties to perform. but if the King thinks  
I can be of use and in case the Duke of York is  
supported, I will command in the Fleet to be  
— an and on the coasts of Spain and Portugal: till  
now I have nullified my own terms: for the  
I certainly love the Army the Navy is my favourite  
service.

I have my full power to show this to the King  
and Duke of York, and go beyond what is in  
The King commands the Admiral of the Red;  
I must be appointed, I had better have my order

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immediately to ship my Flax on board the Warbler  
which is in a perfect state for foreign service and  
I can then come to town to prepare for what I trust  
the King my own family and my ten children  
will not have reason to regret.

Love yours affectionately

J. J. Wilkes

P. S. Lord Callington is anxious to come home  
and in my opinion ~~is~~ opinion for Charles Callington  
to be tried.

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*H. R. H. The Duke  
of Clarence*

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