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Sir,

Upon my arrival in Plymouth Harbour, I in-
-ferred from Commodore Lewis that the Station was vacant,
of that no one had as yet received her from Lord Howe. I now there-
-fore entreat your Majesty to consider if there be no impropriety
in my being made Captain of her, as I have now attained the
prescribed age & have served as Lieutenant: In the last war many cap-
-tains were made before they had been twenty years at sea. The Commo-

done has had the goodness to express my wishes to Lord Howe. And
I trust it will meet with your Majesty's approbation. besides I shall
in this case have employment for three years, and my hands which I
believe is your Majesty's wish. I will not detain you, Sir, at present
but cannot conclude without expressing your Majesty's
goodness to grant me the favour.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most dutiful
and most affectionate Son,

J. Mordaunt