

Lord Howe

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Admiralty
9th Jun. 1780

Sir

The Lowestoffe tho' standing on the Lists of the Navy as built in 1761, has undergone so large a Repair within the last two years, and had such considerable Sums of Money laid out upon her, that I trust she is in perfect good Condition.

But no Exception occurs that I foresee, to the substituting the Andromeda for the Pegasus as your Royal Highness has proposed, if the King does not so deem the difference of time requisite to fit her Store Rooms &c, and her Apartments in the manner you may desire, when I am sufficiently informed to make any report to His Majesty upon it.

Your Royal Highness having done me the
His Royal Highness Prince William.

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honor to communicate your further intentions relative to
Lunt's Hope, I beg leave to suggest, that as you have made known
to the Admiralty your motives for refusing to give him the
customary Certificate, the nature & degree of the censure he
merits, remains solely with the Admiralty to determine,
and that no concession a subordinate Officer so situated may
afterwards make to his Captain, can with propriety be
admitted by the Board to operate in his favor, otherwise than
as any circumstances of the case more particularly stated,
may convey a different impression of his supposed delinquency.
I therefore conceive, that a representation from your Royal
Highness, that you had passed over Lunt's Hope's misconduct,
"in consideration of the proper apology wh. he had made," would

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be irregular, & inconsistent with the pretensions of the professional character in which I understood you would still be exclusively considered on this occasion. And I humbly conceive that if Lieut. Hope has the happiness of regaining his former place in your Royal Highness's good opinion, the producing of your Certificate will answer all his purposes, and render a further correspondence with the Board unnecessary on the subject.

I have been honored with the testimonies of approbation which Lieut. Venter of the Marines, & Mr. Thompson the Gunner, have merited from your Royal Highness, for their attention to their duty in the Pygones. But as the professions you have condescended to interest yourself in their

obtaining on that Account, might be injurious to the pre-
terrors of other very eligible Candidates, and be attended with
some material Inconveniences to the Kings Service in the
conduct of this Department; I presume to hope that, in
your Royal Highnesses goodness, you will not be pleased
to require those proofs of the most respectful considerations,
with which I have the honor to remain Sir,

Your Royal Highnesses
most obedient
& most faithful
humble servant
H. W. G.

Lord Howe
9th Jan'y 1790.