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25th April 1814.

[Enclosure]

Letter from His Royal
Highness The Admiral
of the Fleet, to Vice
Admiral Crown.

Jason, in the Downs
the 25th April 1814.

Sir,

On resigning into the hands of
Vice Admiral Foley, the Russian Squadron
under your Command, I should not do my
duty as Admiral of the Fleet, if I did
not express to you my full and entire
approbation of your own conduct, and
of the zealous and Seaman like manner
in which you have been seconded by
the Officers and Men of His Russian
Imperial Majesty's Ships.

I have been ever educated to look
on Russia as the natural, the ancient
and the firm ally of Great Britain, and
must therefore examine the Ships of the
Empire with the critical eye of an
Officer and Seaman:— The Ships now
under your Orders I have seen more
than once, and you know I approve them

and

and can discover between right and
wrong in any Ship: but no wonder these
particular Ships are in such Order, being
immediately with you, who are an English
-man, and have had the honour of serving
your own Sovereign so many Years in
the British Navy.

I now inclose a particular Order
I request you will issue to the Russian
Ships, and ever believe me

Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely
(signed) William

Ad: of the Fleet.

To Vice Admiral Crown
Commanding a Squadron of
His Russian Imperial Majesty's
Ships in the Downs.

A true Copy
W. Pitt Rivers
Ad: of the Fleet