

The Right Honble the Earl of Mordaunt

Y^r Obed^t Serv^t

My Lord

A short time ~~ago~~ ^{setting forth} ~~ago~~ since I had the honor of writing to your Lordship a memorial of my ~~services~~ ^{services} in the Navy with the particulars of a misfortune which ~~had~~ ^{attended} me during the last war, which I trust ~~will~~ ^{will} have some weight ~~with~~ ^{with} you were your Lordship fully acquainted with my sufferings. But fearing my petition ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~not~~ ^{not} submitted for your L^ds perusal, I have with the greatest respect, presumed the liberty of addressing you ~~the~~ ^{the} second time, in behalf of myself who have been twenty years in the Navy, and twelve years a lieutenant. In the last war, while I belonged to the ~~the~~ ^{the} Crescent, then commanded by Capt. Charles Hope, I was with five others blown up in one of her prizes called the Pilot - three of the six did not survive the event, and myself narrowly escape with life, but not without bearing the marks of having received mortal injury. I was afterwards captured in the Crescent subsequent to her action with the Braill a Dutch frigate, and am now first lieutenant of H.M.S. La Prompte - On Capt. Blythe being appointed to command the Providence I had the honor to be promoted his first Lieut. &c &c

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