

and gratified at any future period to be portessed under
your protection — Mr. Guthrie late one of the Lieutenants
of the Providence goes out recommended to My Lord. ^{there}
by whom I have taken the liberty of presenting to you Sir
my best respects. I have the honor to be Sir

To J. Hyde Parker
Victory Bay
Coulon

Your much obliged
and very Obedt. S^t
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^{favours} From the many ^{favours} civilities I have experienced at your hands
I am induced once more to claim your protection, and ask your assistance. I have
considered myself chiefly indebted to you Sir for the ^{professional} step I acquired ~~in my profession~~, when
under your command in the Minerva — since which period I have dared to consider
you the father of my fortune — It has been the general opinion that Lt. Postlethwaite
of the Assistant, and myself, ^{at} first lieutenant of the Providence, would indisputably have
gained promotion on our arrival, since the expedition had ~~been~~ ended with every favourable
circumstance: but the unfortunate report concerning the conduct of our commander in his
former voyage, I am afraid has prevented My Lord Chatham from giving him an audience
consequently will ^{very much} weaken the efforts he has made ^{to serve me, and probably tend to my total}
disappointment on that head. And as it is rumoured abroad that a large promotion of Officers
will take place in the course of a few days, I am exceedingly anxious to use my greatest efforts
before that time, lest a long recess, ^{effectually} preclude me from ^{advancing}
myself in ^{the} profession, ^{for which} I have ^{the} ^{most} ^{respectful} ^{desires} — ^{and} ^{if} ^I ^{might} ^{have} ^{solicited} ^a ^{letter} ^{from} ^{you}
to My Lord C. in my behalf, and his Lordship was also informed of the misfortune which ^{has}
befallen me in being blown up, for which I receive not the least gratuity: I should ~~have~~ indeed be
every sanguine, knowing ^{what} ^{character} is universally held.
I beg leave to acquaint you Sir of having been on half pay for six weeks, and from
the hopes of preferment, living in London at a great expense to my great inconvenience,
not being ^{was prevented} ^{to} ^{leave} ^{town} ^{to} ^{see} ^{my} ^{friends}, that I might not be absent if any
thing ^{was} ^{prevented} ^{to} ^{my} ^{advantage} — I have the honor to be Sir

London 23rd Octob. 1793

The Hon. The. Parkerham
Respectfully
Worship

Your very faithful
and much obliged
Hen. Postlethwaite

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