

Haslar Hospital 12th Sept. 901

My Lord,

Since your presidency at the Admiralty, I have frequently flattered

myself that my address would have merited some consideration; and not ^{as yet} meeting with the success
which I fondly imagined ^{might} attend my applications, I am led to fear this letter may be
judged troublesome and intrusive: I will therefore forbear to recount my past services
and disappointment, ~~by~~ resting my claims solely on your Lordship's equitable determination.

About 3 years ago my Lord, when I had the honor of making myself personally known
you perceived an officer whose services ^{had} ~~were~~ of long standing and commenced before the
American war, and who had suffered most grievously from being blown up, without enjoying
any gratuity whatever: And after considering my case you were pleased to strengthen
my hopes by assuring me "you would keep me in your remembrance". From that

period I have experienced, perhaps, more than the common vicissitudes of my profession
Having the last cruise rec^d.

with a violent contusion of my breast, with three wounds in my left thigh; and

although these last have put on a favourable appearance, the former is but little

allayed ^{by the application of} ~~with~~ ^{remedies} ~~pleasures~~ ^{been favoured, unrequested, with} I have ~~received~~ the most flattering

testimonials of my conduct from J. R. J. Straker, whose knowledge of me ~~is~~ confined

to my publick character; and if your Lordship should be desirous of ^{being} further

acquainted with this circumstance I am authorized to ^{call upon him for an additional} ~~afford a certificate~~ ^{recommendation}

~~upon that head.~~ As the season is favourable, and the Hattery ready

to sail, I am induced to leave the Hospital, at least for the present; trusting that with some

care I may be able to improve my health at sea, and ^{not} ~~will~~ attend to any service that may

be required of me: and if countenanced by your ^{Lordship} ~~Lordship~~, with what pleasure

I shall ~~be~~ consider myself

Your Lordship's
Most obliged

And very humble servant

J. G. Bond

To B. Hon^{ble} Earl Spencer
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Delmially