My Lord

Cleve / the 26th Decr. 1802.

Notwithstanding the very eminent instance I lately experienced of your patronage and favor, I am still induced to hope your Lordship will extend that indulgence in admitting to the benefits of Portsmouth Academy, on the late foundation for Officers sons, a nephew of mine, who has already, though but 12 years of age, been actually at sea four years, on b. several of His Majesty's ships.

My Elder brother, who has been a Lieutenant in the Navy twenty four years, and was, I am credibly informed, the senior Officer of that rank, in the memorable attack of the 14th of Feby. 1797, though subordinately placed in a flag ship, obtained but the honor of being actively present on that glorious day; and has now to bring forward a family of four sons with a very circumscribed incom. The oldest, the subject of my present application, is gone with his father for a few months to France, to perfect his knowledge of the french tongue; and as he promises on day to do credit to the honorable profession for which he is destined, I am flatter'd, through your Lordship's means to see him advantageously placed in a seminary which has already produced so many distinguished officers.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordsh. very obt.

Hum. Sr.

To the Earl of St. Vincent K.B.