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Starcross, Devon, 28 May 1816

My Lord,

It has been my peculiar misfortune after a life devoted to my profession, and very severe wounds received in His Majesty's Service, to fail in exciting in my Lord's Com^{rs} of the Admiralty a favorable opinion of my Case, as represented in my Memorial to H. R. Highness the Prince Regent in Council, praying for the Grant of a Pension.

Under this great and unexpected disappointment I submissively bow, trusting to your Lordships' kind indulgence to reconsider my case at present or hereafter, with the accompanying Certificate which I have received since I quitted London, and ^{most} humbly solicit your Lordships to ^{permit me to correct} ~~amalgam~~ any omission or inadvertence in my application to the Board of Admiralty.

I have the Honour to be
My Lord

Your most respectful

And Obedient humble Servant

Lord Viscount Melville

J. Bond

Recd. 28 May 1816