

Hanover.

Jan^{ry} 7th 1785.

Sir,

As the time approaches, in which I always understood it to be your Majesty's intention that I should return to my professional duty at sea: I beg leave thus early to solicit your Majesty's attention to that object, trusting that you will not impute my doing so to any other cause than the strong desire I have to gain experience & distinguish myself in the line of service which you have been pleased to place me in.

I do not, Sir, presume to offer to your Majesty any idea as relative to my destination & mode of service, relying upon your better judgment & particular care towards me in all respects; never the less if the East Indies should occur to your Majesty as a eligible station for me, & you should at the same time be pleas'd to purchase it under an apprehension that it would be

disagreeable to me; I beg leave in that case to assure Your Majesty that I have
no objection, whatever, to serve in the East Indies: on the contrary, I have
most readily & cheerfully embarked for a station, which has at all times been
regarded as one of the best schools for the forming of a naval officer.

Son,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most dutiful Son,

