

Portsmouth.

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Dearest Brother, I take this opportunity of writing to you a confidenti-
 -al letter as young O'Brien will deliver it in person. The money I desired
 you to send me was necessary for my allowance is but small, I am not
 always enabled to pay my bills at sight: a disagreeable brother officer of mine
 was the reason I have for a long time. I am under very particular
 obligations to him, and as he has but me for his only friend, I was
 more under the necessity of helping him. I give you my word of honor
 I do not intend to touch a farthing of it is all intended for the unhappy
 person. You are my last resource, I am ten exprest to my agents, he
 refused me the money; do I beg therefore you will send it need no more note
 by my servant. Excuse me if I do not mention the officer's name: I must

When you will not mention the circumstances to C. Brown.

You have heard I wish to see the Captain of the *Phoenix* I was refused his acquaintance you were sufficiently acquainted with. it was my desire to be your acquaintance.

My friend Mr. Poppel. My present wish is to be in the *Phoenix* do captain's residence if he has the command at Portsmouth. I am very desirous to visit in particular by family ones the coach that subsists between the King's Head

would always make my stay unpleasant at home. Therefore my happiness will depend upon my being employed. I prefer the Portsmouth station

on many accounts. particular by us during the summer months I shall be frequently able to enjoy your society. the Mediteranean would be too

expensive as I do not believe my allowance will be the greatest. My present situation is as happy as I can wish. whenever the ship is in port I am on shore at Mr. Martens in the Dock Yard. I am treated with great

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of his family: but his two daughters about my age: needance of amuse
 ourselves vastly well: when at sea I am very well satisfied. I am upon the
 best terms with Capt: P. Pembrough, who is a very worthy man & does every
 thing to make me happy. The only uneasiness I now feel is the terrible out-
 rage my father shews me: I have not upon my word received more than two
 letters from home since I have been in the world. I am regular in my corres-
 pondence: I write whenever the ship sails. I have not to say they that
 is in my heart: I don't believe I have another secret in the world; I trust
 you will answer me as kindly & as fully as plain yourself for this letter
 as there is no danger of any body seeing our correspondence as Brian
 is to bring me back your answer. I must again beg you will on no
 account shew this letter to any body about it: Brian is a very good
 boy, but he is very young: therefore pray be very cautious in your questions

particularly about Martin's family.

I have only one more wish to make that you would come down for some of the
by hours only to Portsmouth. Our conversation in the way of a firm
would be to me of much greater advantage than writing for six months.

I have many things to say to you, my dear brother, that I cannot so
write. I have now nothing more to say except that you would be kind
enough to send me down by O'Brien a bit of my shirt and a
pair of a pair of buckles. After that my friend acting in your name down

I should be the most ungrateful of beings, was I not to be attached to
the hands of those than by more than ordinary brotherly love; you
will therefore believe me, when I subscribe myself,

Your most affectionate Friend
W. Pitt

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