

Pegasus
 In the Sound.
 May 30. 1786.

Dear Brother,

I have just received information of the
 plan proposed for me: to spend this summer on the Penfours
 station, the winter in the West Indies to winter wear: the following
 summer in Nova Scotia & Canada, then proceed to Jamaica for
 the next winter of the summer of the three years is to be spent on
 the different West Indian stations: I am very much pleased with
 this mode of my being abroad till I get a trade, which I hope shall

be so here I return. Whether abroad or at home you will do me the jus-
-tice I hope to believe that I am from the bottom of my heart most
-sincerely attached to you & all your concerns & shall ever best of my
-power to do you at all times any service.

I have a favour to ask of you, to give the noble Lord Barchin your at-
-tention General of that you may be your interest to make him
-defend an unfortunate man a young ship, who will be tried
-for his life at the Old Bailey for obstructing a Custom House Of-
-ficer in the execution of his office, the man is as innocent of the
-fact as I am, & will, I am afraid, be condemn'd to death, unless
-I support him, as the poor fellow has no friends. Pray do speak to
-Emeline. I shall believe it is a great favour, for I would sooner give

every farthing I am worth than that this honest trade should pay for
his name is Thomas Paine, who I advised Harrington for his character
-ter; he served under him in the Prince of Wales's Barquet, in
which a high Post he was his; then he went to sea, and afterwards
now when I was first appointed, the Regency was now of my
Cargemen; he has ever behaved in a steady manner.

As to the matter of the postage, I

must now take leave of you, till I return; believe me I shall
kindness & affection of your truly H. one of your obedient
servants,

Dear Brother,
Yours sincerely
H. Paine

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H. R. H. The Duke
of Lancaster

May 20th 1786.

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