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My dear Brother,

I have since this instant heard
a rumour that a squadron of ships is to go to the East Indies:
tomorrow I shall by letter offer my services to Lord Howe: with
respect to the size of the ship I don't stand forward, he will
send me there: the former Captain Toole says something about it:
you know the esteem I have for my friend Charles Toole and
it would give me great satisfaction that he should be one of
the squadron: Shackleton is going to town and will attend
you at Carlton House about Minnie's being made Agent here
at Plymouth: but I beg, my dear Brother, you will not
mention his daughter's name to Shackleton, or should Shackleton
enter upon the subject of Sally Minnie, were talking on the busi-

refs to any body, but particularly to Thackbrider as it is utterly
impossible for him to keep a secret: I am as yet to tally in the day
whether the Pegasus or Andromeda is to be the ship: hurry the
man with the hair and send it down as soon as finished: you
may easily guess who it is for. I have nothing more to add to
what I am,

Dear Brother,

Yours sincerely,

J. W. W.