

H. R. H. The Duke
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My dear Brother,

I have felt very much that you
did not write yourself or make Colfax in time answer me. The situa-
tion I am at present in. Pitward is a proper one for me to
gain a perfect knowledge of naval manners: but the going
abroad if it can be avoided is what I wish. The vessel Frigate
was proposed to relieve the Duke to off in the winter was off
Plymouth: this is what I should like to have till next summer,
when the general relief of guards begins to take place and I
cannot see any reason why you should not safely as they
should forgive me and me. I must not submit that making
an agreement of guards and in they refuse more small a favour as

guardship: if the idea of my wishing to be in London is the obstacle
to my being employed in England, I will oblige my Government to
remain with my ship: my principal wish is to keep away from
home, and my time is spent so agreeably at Plymouth that
I have nothing to regret but that I am not going with you. I should
wish you, my dear brother, to try all you can: I have it very
much at heart not to go abroad but to remain in England.

I sailed from Plymouth and joined the Admiral the same
day off the coast since which time we have had the finest run

the people constantly manœuvring between 70 and 40
leagues to the Westward of Scilly: when we are to remain

till the 24th when we are to proceed to Plymouth. I shall by
the 27th be in Port. I beg you want to get me the 10th of

month station. Yours sincerely,
J. D. Williams