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Dear Brother,

I have thus long deferred writing in

expectation of something final being settled at the

flat: but a letter from our Father and which I have

enclosed is my motive for troubling you. Conway

has informed you of my wish to serve you. I wrote to

that effect and you will see that the same answer: I

want your advice: for as I am referred to the King, it

will certainly bear in all business, wherever I wish

to promote any body to trouble His Majesty on the sub-
-ject: let ^{you} say or say any words more or less on the
subject and I shall be ready to follow you in advice.

The fleet has been a fortnight

here and I am afraid we are likely to remain for
some time. I am by no means pleased with the situation.

on the contrary very far otherwise: the officers I mean
the captains don't like me and I evidently perceive

I am out of favour in all their societies: in short, I am

almost entirely excluded from the fleet: party running very

high and they are ready to divide: the arrival of Lord

Howe is looked for hastily and does not seem to increase

the good humour: I am indeed very glad his Lordship

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is coming for though I know him to be an unflinching
commanding officer: yet I am sure he is a man of h.
-our and Admiral Boscawen is a truly respectable
-ble character: Sir John Jervis who was Barring ton's
Captain has highly disabused all the Admirals and
particularly in the most spirited manner and with-
-out the least provocation Sir Alexander Hood: as
far as I can discern and make my own remarks:
Jervis is determined to oppose and hinder in every thing:
I am afraid we shall have our work: the state of
-action does us no good.

Yours sincerely
J. Jervis

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The Duke of Clarence
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