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Dear Brother,

Since my dear Mr. Harris arrived we had had a continuation of such austerities of absurdities and inconsistencies. He came here last Friday with an intention of sailing immediately; however that could not be effected and this morning he has made the signal for unmooring and stands to be seen whether we move today or tomorrow. The propriety of sending two and thirty sail of the line attended by five admirals and a large body of frigates

and other attendants utter during a professed peace
or during a negotiation with a certainty tend in
peaceful measures speaks in my humble opinion
for itself: ten of these ships of the line are badly
manned and so badly managed that the least
wind will render them useless: besides the summer
is now over and we are to expect gales of wind. We
have not the most distant idea of the line of China
- boundary or crease: there is not a difference of opini-
- on on that subject: every body is equally mistaken.
It is ridiculous to see how far vanity can lead a she-
- pid old fool out with the great and various other
bad humours: I do know we have been long enough at
sea to hate it: I think his Lordship ought to be
suspected: whenever I am with deane, I shall tell

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for leave of absence and now shall take another ship
till shot have been exchanged in anger. Six months
two months at the utmost will I trust bring me
back to the quiet and sumable regions of England.
Whence the opportunity offers, depend on leaving
France and be fully persuaded,

Dr. Jack Sen. or who is
giving the wise with me desires
to be most respectfully remem-
bered.

Yours,
Dear Brother,

Yours sincerely,
J. Sen

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