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His Britannic Majesty's Ship
Jason, in the Downs April
20th 1814 —

Sir

I venture once more to trespass on
the valuable time of your Imperial Majesty
to enclose a copy of my letter, detailing the
proceedings of His Britannic Majesty's Ships
and Vessels, and of your Imperial Majesty's
Ships, under my command, whilst atten-
ding the King of France back to His
Dominions; and also copies of my
Public Letter to the Admiral General &
of my particular Order to the Vice Adm.
and Captains Semoffsky and Stepanoff.

When I embarked last January
on board His Britannic Majesty's Ship
the Pactolus, in the Downs, for Holland,
I was detained a Week in this Anchorage
and visited your Imperial Majesty's Ships
the Tracherearch and Suatarloff. It is with
the greatest pleasure and equal truth I
can assure your Imperial Majesty, that
I had every reason to be most perfectly
satisfied with the state of Discipline
and readiness I found each Ship: during
my

my continuance in the Downs at that time,
I watched and observed on all occasions, the
officer like and Seamanlike conduct of your
Imperial Majesty's Ships:— shortly after
wards the Vice Admiral was ordered over
with these two Ships to join Admiral
Young in the Room-poh, and I know
that the conduct of the Vice Admiral &
of the best of your Imperial Majesty's
officers and men in that service, merited
the approbation of Admiral Young: Vice
Admiral Crown with these two Ships,
was appointed before part of my Fleet,
to escort the King of France to Calais:—
I really want words to express to your Imperial
Majesty, the satisfaction I must feel, at
the manner in which the Russian Ships
were handled:— I trust your Imperial Majesty
will not be offended, but I humbly
venture to implore your Majesty, to bestow
some especial mark of favor, on the Vice
Admiral, and the Captains Ternofsky and
Stepanoff. —

I must, Ever shall feel proud to
have had under my command a Squadron
of your Imperial Majesty's Ships, and more
particularly on such an occasion, when I
consider, that to the execution of your

Imperial Majesty and those of my Brother,
the Prince Regent, the return of the King
of France is entirely owing. —

I remain,
Sir,

Your Imperial Majesty's
most obedient humble servant

A True Copy

signed

William

Ad. of the Fleet.

William
Ad. of the Fleet

Copy of a letter from

AMH

The Hon. Secy of the Admiralty

to

The Emperor Alexander

April 26. 1814

St. Petersburg.