

Duke of Clarence to Emperor of Russia

[Enclosure]

Copy 45059-60

His Britannic Majesty's Ship
Jason, in the Downs—
25th April 1814.

Sir,

Having had the honour and high satisfaction of being appointed by my Brother the Prince Regent, to the command of a Squadron of His Britannic Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and of a part of the Russian Fleet under the Orders of Vice Admiral Crown, for the purpose of conveying the King of France back to His Dominions, and having last Night returned to this Anchorage in perfect safety, after having so lauded His most Christian Majesty, I think it my Duty as Admiral of the Fleet, and but Justice due to Vice Admiral Crown and the rest of the Officers of your Imperial Majesty's

Majesty's Ships now in the Downs, to
express to Your Majesty my most perfect
and entire Satisfaction at the Zeal, Diligence
Attention and Seamanship shewn by the
Russian Squadron, since under my Command.
I have the Honour of inclosing the public
Orders I have this day issued, expressing
my general and entire Approbation in. In
the course of the day, I shall write a public
and a private Letter to the Vice Admiral,
and give separate Orders to express more
particularly the high Respect I entertain
for the Navy of Your Imperial Majesty,
which I shall, to morrow, have the Honour
of inclosing in another Letter to your Majesty.

I cannot conclude this Letter without
congratulating your Imperial Majesty on
the

Duke of Clarence to Emperor of Russia

[Enclosure]

45060

The Events that have so lately occurred over all Europe, and particularly in France:— to Your Imperial Majesty, and to my Brother the Prince Regent, under the blessing of Divine Providence, are these great and happy Events to be attributed.

It is impossible for me not to return my most sincere and humble Thanks to Your Imperial Majesty, for the very gracious permission granted to me of proceeding to the Grand Head Quarters, and I trust it will shortly be in my power, personally to pay my respects to your Majesty:— Long have I wished to be introduced to the first, the greatest and the best Sovereign in the World, and that cannot be the case till I have had the
high

High honour of being presented to your
Imperial Majesty.

I remain,

Sir,

Your Imperial Majesty's
most obedient, and
humble servant,

(signed) William,

Adm.^c of the Fleet

H. R. H. The Duke
of Clarence

25. April 1814

A True Copy

William
Adm.^c of the Fleet.