

21 Oct. 1811

Capt Gillespie
Rt. Marines

With pet^r
for money due him
in South America

Sir, His Majesty's Ship Swiftsure St Helens 21 October
1811

The sudden embarkation of Admiral Boscawen and his suite whom we convey to Cadiz, being a severe prelude to our putting to sea the first fair wind, I am induced to trespass a few lines upon your goodness, and to the honor of addressing you.

No common feeling dictated my approach to the Prince Regent - The measure became necessary for the comfort of a numerous, and dependant family whom I am about to leave in circumstances that pain my mind - Their happiness I value beyond my own, and both honor and gratitude to words some generous friends, to whom I am indebted, prescribed the step as an incumbent duty to liquidate my obligations.

I cannot expect, however, any result before my departure, but if there is, and that it is favorable, my mind will experience a pitch of happiness long unknown to it. Any communication with which you may honor me, after the sailing of this ship, I beg may be

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directed to Minica, at the same time I
request that the nature of it, whatever it may
be, may be intimated to Mr. Fraser & Duke
Shel Westminta, whom I have empowered to
be my representative in my absence.

With sentiments of cordial respect, Very
faithful devotion I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours much obliged,

and obedient humble servant,

John McMahon Esq
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Alexander Gillespie
Captain Royal Marines