

J. Harris

March 7th 1813.

Chas Harris

Major Tho^s Harris

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My dear fr^d

Bellefonte

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In a Letter rec^d on Saturday from our gallant
Captain, I am commanded to tell his worthy Patron
Col^l: McMahon that thro' his influence the Belle Poule
now enjoys the best of all stations, & that during the
very short time he has been on it, he has already captured
two American Brigs, & recaptured an English one —
— this the Capt^l: calls training on his brave Crew to the nobler
exploit of capturing one of their boasted American Frigates
— on which he seems most resolutely bent — & I do believe
the Young Dog will never return into Port without bringing
one in with him, or that he has expended his last meal
of Beef & biscuit —

You may remember the last time I had the
pleasure to see You I mention'd having two Sons in
India, of both I receive the most flattering Report — the
name of the eldest is Chas Harris he is 1st Judge of the
Provincial Court of Appeal & Circuit ~~of~~ in the centre division
on the Fort S^t: George Establishment — The other is

The other is call'd Major Thomas C. Harris, Dep. Lieut.
Master Gen: & Com. of Prov: & hired Cat: sub force Poona
— he is on the Bombay establishment.

Will there be any impropriety in your kindly
giving their names to Lord Moira — I do not know that his
Lordship could in any way at this moment advance the
interest of either — but at some future time their names being
made known to him, through your kindness, may be of real
importance — They have both been in the Company's service
in the highest Reputation for more than 20 Years, & might possibly
be made of some use to Lord Moira, being particularly well
inform'd as to all India Affairs, & perfectly conversant in all
the several dialects of the Natives — more especially the Judge
on the Madras Establishment.

I'll forgive you most sincerely if you should
(seeing no end to my unceasing plagues & torments) very
fairly & heartily wish me & mine all safely stow'd in the
bottom of the Ocean — however, while on Earth, I & mine
must & will ever be My dear fr.
Your faithfully devoted
T. Harris
(For Self & Family)