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Extract of a Letter from
Capt. Harris - dated 8th March -
(rec^d this day)

Bellefontaine

March 24. '13 -

"I am call'd on Deck to chase a large Ship" —
March 12. — "We chased all the 8th & part of the 9th — when
we came up & captur'd the American Merch^t Ship John &
Francis from Bourdeaux to New York — laden with Bourdeaux
Wine — Brandy, Verdigrase & Silks — This is the 5th the
Belle poule shares for — My L^d. Keith still intend to
keep me actively employ'd off Bourdeaux — The Briton,
J^r Tho. Haines, a very fine Frigate has join'd me to day,
& is to be my senior Officer — We both fly! so there is no
chance of a Yankee, Dutch or french escaping our Claws."

You'll see by the above, (My dear friend) that
our Young Captain is no idle fellow — I must confess
myself much pleas'd that he is join'd by another fine Frigate
for being well assur'd of the desperate gallantry of the Young
ascal I have not been without apprehension that he might meet
with something more than his Match — These several late
unaccountable losses of our Frigates (particularly the Java) has
occasion'd no inconsiderable sensation in this Family —

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Having the most convincing proofs of your brotherly
participation in all the interesting events of good fortune
that occur to our dear George, I make no apology for troubling
you with this scribble — indeed I consider it, (all things considered)
as a Duty incumbent on —

Your affect. & devoted fr. & son

J. Harris —