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My dear friend

Having to write to Dr
Belville of an Express, I cannot refrain
from troubling you with a line. We are
now advised to convey the India men round
the Cape of Good Hope. Dr Belville asked
me whether I should object to conveying
them as far as Madras. I answered that
I should not, because it could not make

a difference of above three or four days. In
 addition may be three or four weeks augmenta-
 tion to the length of our Voyage; as we are
 to be tied to the pace of my bad sailer
 or my crippled ship in the Squadron. I
 feel this for Lady Ludlow; I feel it
 more for the Prince. It was the preference
 of his Royal Highness that I should go
 out in that dignified style which should
 rebut the popular imputation that he

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... his was only studying to get rid of me, & which
agents should testify that he still understood
... to feel an interest for me. Every single
... advantage held forth has failed me. In
... having a line of battle ship cannot be con-
... sidered a distraction. I ask whether after
... the fate of the Java my Ministers would
... on public grounds have allowed me to
... go out in a brigate? As it is, I can only
... be regarded as being permitted to take of

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that is to carry the Trade. Indeed indeed
this is not necessary. I speak not as to
myself but as to the testimony which the
Prince wished to give of his earnestness
to make this business creditable to me. How-
-ever it cannot be after the annulling
of advantages proposed, but however
it might have been made, & it is a pity
to have the grace of the measure fitted
away thro' these intrigues of the Board which

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to the kind dispositions of Lord Melville.

Faithfully yours
Harris

We go aboard tomorrow, & shall sail
Sunday on Tuesday morning.

Wm Harris

