

Col. J. Hilloughby Cordoua to Col. KC Mahow  
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House Guards

July 6. 1913.-

My dear friend, although no man likes troubling official men less than I do, yet the enclosed correspondence certainly calls for some action on my part:- the writer, my brother, lost his frigate in one of the best fought actions of the present war, nearly three years ago, and no attention whatever, except letters of promise similar to the enclosed, has been paid to his & my numerous applications:-

Allow me to request your friendly interference which I do wholly and solely upon the following grounds, viz that Capt. L. Cordoua fought the Venus, the largest frigate in the French Navy, with the Leylor a small two and thirty, and that he maintained this contest with most unexampled conduct and



gallantry, and that he would have captured the Enemy, but that another ship of the Enemy appeared in sight:— that General Abercrombie who was on board the Leyton has testified to the above effect in stronger terms than I have done in this letter, and the Commodore upon the Station, Cap. Rowley, has in like manner testified the same.

This long absence from employment, my brother represents to me as a Grievance, and it certainly appears to me to be such;—

I have a very sincere respect, and regard for Lord Inverurie, and should be very sorry to do anything contrary to his opinions, but my Brother considers himself to be aggrieved when his conduct deserves public notice, and I have therefore no option but to solicit the



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protection of higher powers for him.

Believe me ever with the  
greatest regard

My dear friend

Yours affl.

W. Howard

The Right Honble

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Colonel Anderson  
June 6. 1813  
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