

Hon. Hugh Courway to Capt. Payne

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I know my dearest friends will not be a little surpris'd at receiving a letter from me off Scilly after our having had a fortnight of the fairest winds to advance us in what was considered the object of our sailing. We parted with the East Indies Convoy three days after we left Spithead since which we have been cruising in a very confined space without being able to form any conjectures about the Admiral's motions except that he must have received fresh orders since we sail'd & that it is evident that we are waiting for something to join us. what that something will prove you are more likely to know than myself, and from the Admiral's apparent determination to keep our ships ~~station'd~~ we are not likely to unravel the Mystery

by consulting each other on the subject - The Cruise
has hitherto been as dull as possible in every point
of view as the Station does not admit of a hope that
the chasing ships can pick up any thing and we
have yet had but little practice with the Fleet in the
way of manœuvring - We thought two days ago that
we were going in but I suppose that ^{Lord Howe} Black-Dick at
one port and Graves at the other meddled ^{with} feet getting
in ~~between~~ them. You need not imagine that I forgot to
obey your wishes about the Red Books you lent me
Lady Horation has got them & will send them to you
whenever you write to her for them and she will be equally
ready to attend to your wishes about the little cow I promised
to send you & the Bayshore Sheep which I hope by the
time you want them will have some flesh upon their
bones - a change much to be wished for on their account
as well as yours. Should the Montague not be sailed

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when this reaches you pray write to me by her & let me
know if ~~our hunting~~ been fixed to this spot instead of
protecting the E^t India Company with our whole force
is accounted for and whether any change in our
destination is likely to take place. At the same time
I shall beg you to let me know how our friend Symour
goes on ~~for~~ for I shall be to you for that information as
I consider him entirely under your care during my

absence and he really
requires such a friend
as yourself at present.

Pray remember me most Aff^{ly} as well as respectfully to
the Prince from whom I should ~~have~~ been happy to
have received two lines before I sailed though my
knowledge of his heart and the assurance I hope he feels
in my affectionate attachments makes it hardly necessary
that he should tell me that he did not mistake the feeling
which dictated my last letter to him. ^{God bless you My Dear friend}
Believe me Ever most
Aff^{ly} Yours
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