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Sir Charles Middleton's  
Letter about task work.

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Extract of a letter from Sir Charles Middleton  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781.

"The first and second article of the Minerva Frigate  
"built at Woolwich, for want of some materials  
"in the Yard, were worked by day labour & cost  
"£846, they would have amounted to £368  
"by task.

"The first article of task on the Europa of  
"50 Guns was wrought by the day and cost  
"£511, the price of that article if wrought by  
"task, would have been £126.

"The difference therefore in these Articles are  
"more than one half, and may be called so  
"in general.



