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Is it possible, Sir, that no hurry of business, no
criticalness of situation, no importance of avocation, can stop the
operations of the most gracious consideration and benevolence -
How, Sir, shall I, how can I express our gratitude? - We join the
loyal shipwrights in singing God save our noble King, with a fervor
that no words can express - What may not be expected when
the best of men makes himself personally known in the most
important offices to his subjects: - When he displays that
greatness of mind, that quickness and sagacity of observation,
that fortitude, that unwearied activity, accompanied with that
degree of benevolence, which so far in any station are possessed
of: - Your single presence, Sir, will do more towards supplying
the fleets than all the premiums that could be offered - and
if the British Marine could want a spirit to render them invincible
that Presence must supply it - In the words of Pope does

We in our humble Bark attendant sail,
Share in the triumph and partake the Gales;
Our thoughts accompany every dignified Step of our Gracious Sovereign,
We see Him in all His Glory, We see His peoples hearts poured out before
Him

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Now, we hear the shouts of rapture from millions of his Subjects, and
we see the protecting hand of Heaven stretched out to guide
him to Victory & happiness —

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