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Sir

I did not receive your  
Majesty's letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup>  
till last night by the Mercury  
and as the occasion of my having  
had the great honor of correspon-  
ding with your Maj<sup>ty</sup> is now ceased  
I beg leave to express the very great  
satisfaction I have in finding  
that I have your Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s approbation  
even to the parting with my  
charge. I have also the very great  
satisfaction to find that his R<sup>ty</sup>  
H<sup>ty</sup> has done me the honor to  
defend me in publick Company

His M<sup>ty</sup>

Tho' very contrary to my advice,  
 However it is not the less pleasing  
 as it marks his good will to me the  
 stronger, which I shall ever feel  
 I have already mentioned in sev<sup>l</sup> letters  
 every thing necessary relating  
 to Captain Napier whom (I find  
 by a very gratefull letter) your  
 Majesty has been well pleas'd to  
 recommend for the Rank of Post;  
 I think I can answer for his integ-  
 rity, tho' I am sorry he does not seem  
 to have possess'd sufficient command  
 of Temper for the situation he  
 was plac'd in, but I must confess, it  
 gives one some pleasure to think

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that his Royal Highness has not  
been totally to blame

Your Majesty's very  
Faithfull & very Dutifull  
Servant  
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