

Reverend of Devonshire to H.R.H.

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my dearest Sir, with perfect
confidence in the invariable
kindness which I have ever
experienced from your R.H.
and knowing how real and
great was your love for my
dear husband, I write now
to remind you of the kind
intention which you ~~then~~
expressed, of which I repeated
to him, that at the end
of the year from the time
that you desired Mr. Gorker
to make Clifford a Master
& Commander, that you would
also desire that he might
be made Post Captain -

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that year expired my dear
Sir in March, but from the
variety & profuse of business
which I then opposed your
R. H. & whilst you was still
very unwell, I forbore to
make any application to
you - Mr. Gerke strongly
recommended Cap. Clifford
to S^r Edward Pellew, & told
Lord Metwile that he had
done so - S^r Edward is
warmly Clifford's friend, and
very anxious to promote him,
but vacancies in the Med^{ican}
rarely happen - as I find
from many distinguished
officers that Clifford's brilliant
exploit in the Cephalus last

year gives him a fair claim
to promotion, now that the
year required by the regulation
is expired, I do not feel
that I am doing wrong in
requesting of you my dear
Sir to continue your protection
to your own Captain, & to
desire that an Admiralty
Commission may be sent out
to him, to make him Post-
I am told that promotions
are to be made on your
R. H. Birth day - Let me
be comforted (as I need comfort
as you know my dear Sir) with
the kind assurance that
your R. H. will order
Clifford to be included

in those promotions, unless
it is done before —
believe me my dear Sir
most faithfully your R. H.
very affec^{to} hum^{to} servant
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