

Lord Melville to H.R.H.

Aug. 11 1812

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Lord Melville presents his humble
Duty to Your Royal Highness & having
had an opportunity, since he presumed
to address Your Royal Highness yesterday
on the subject of the proposed Naval
Promotion, of enquiring further into
the private circumstances as well as
the state of health of the several
Officers who might be deemed eligible
to command His Majesty's Yachts,
or to perform any other less severe
Duty than in a line of battle ship at
sea, he submits to Your Royal Highness

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That it may be advisable, instead of
 Captain John Harvey, to appoint Captain
 Charles Dudley Pater, who is third on the
 list below Captain Harvey, & who Lord
 Seville is informed will not be able
 to continue much longer on active service.

Lord Seville begs further to
 state to Your Royal Highness that he
 has received many applications for the
 command of Yachts, & chiefly from
 Officers considerably junior to those
 whom he has ventured to submit to

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Your Royal Highness's consideration;
but he does not feel that such a selection
would be equally just to the senior
Captains in the Navy. —

Admiralty
11th August 1812.

12 Aug 1802

Lord Melville

Naval Postmaster