

Capt J. Ricketts to Col. Ke Mahow

21388. Confidential -

H. M. Ship bergen  
Plymouth Dock  
May 4<sup>th</sup> 1814

my dear Sir

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I had the honor to enclose  
you lately from Sea - a letter from  
Lord St. Vincent - which I trust has  
been realized by his application in  
my favor - an opportunity is now  
likely to offer that would crown  
my desire - and which the best  
Lord of the Admiralty can have  
no pretence for refusing - Should  
you be able to request it for  
me - in His Majesty's name -  
the name of the name -

Commissioner you have is  
dangerously ill - and from his  
age I think there is little

prospect

prospect of his recovery — & a conversation  
with my old friend adm<sup>l</sup> Donnell —  
this morning — he said that I stood  
in good repute with my dear  
Miltville — but I did not then  
know of the conspicuous  
unions illness — nor do I think  
it wise to consult the admiral  
upon this question — lest some  
job, or engagement he might  
wish in favor of another should  
interfere — This I ask you  
of all others, I should prefer —  
and if you can accomplish it  
for me, my good hi — I feel  
assured that you will — my  
gratitude will be unbounded

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and if I could express my self it would be only doing my heart  
justice

My bruise terminated without  
success - but I had an opportunity  
of acquitting myself - to the approbation  
of my commander in chief - Lord Keith  
by my intercourse & proceedings before  
L'orient - on the ancient flag of  
France being displayed there -

The personal reception given  
me by General Daurier - the  
Governor - was gratifying to  
myself - in the proud name of  
an Englishman - The respect  
with which the Prince Regent  
was held - and the character  
of the British Nation - is not  
to be described to you -

after

after full six months absence - I only  
arrived here - on Saturday - and  
am preparing for sea - with all  
possible dispatch - my lower  
Deck guns are ordered out -  
I conclude for the purpose of  
accommodating Troops.

I hope that your health is  
good, as well as my kind  
friend Mrs Mc Mahon's -  
in great haste - I beg to  
subscribe myself -

Myself My self -  
your most faithful friend  
J. M. Mahon

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>

J. M. Mahon  
R. O.

Captain Roberts  
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