

R. Adul. Macbride to Capt. Payne

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Many thanks my Dear Payne for your  
letter, as well as the Prince with my duty,  
how sensible I am of his goodness to  
me - I heard it strongly asserted that  
Afluck was going to the Board instead  
of Gordonner, and as I heard he had given  
up the Boyne the report therefore  
gained ground with me which was  
the occasion of my Epistle. as I am  
upon the subject it is right to tell  
you that my Interest at Plymouth  
is so strong - that unless the general  
election arrangement had not taken  
place with every effort of power  
and corruption, as well as the protest

and

profligacy of Sir Tredy. They would only  
make it an even Election - and but for  
the blunder of my Lawyers I would  
have carried my Election after all. -  
Thus Circumstanced, in case of any  
Vacancy - or if the Weather this should  
prevent - all that his Royal Highness is  
to signify that his adherent is not  
to be opposed and persecuted as he  
has been for his Attachment. Let them  
keep their threats away. I have no occasion  
for their Interest. So much for Plymouth  
The Madeira was in so cold a situation  
it would not be fined in down, as we both  
Went it off to sea. I thought the best way  
was to have it down here fine and bottled

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Myself shall be ready for you on your  
arrival - as to prize money on this  
Station it must all be in the Head  
way I do not know the Numbers of  
The Privateers - but we have upwards  
of 500 of these rags and fine cables as  
if I could make prize of about 12000.  
Quarters of Wheel which we have stopped  
out of light sail of Hambrogeese  
Gentleman it would do well enough.  
I have also under my care a Bagg and  
a Sloop with French property which may  
be worth a dozen or two of Champagne  
My Command at present consists in  
The Alfred 263. Short of Complement.  
The Serpent and Territ Sloop with four

Armed letters - the opposite to who will  
soon smite upwards of twenty private  
the other net will then be like a boys  
head who has lost his loose top.  
at present no troops are moving  
on that side - in the summer I expect  
they will call forth the best horse  
The Colonel Commandant of the 1st  
I am fixing signal Beacons so that  
I can tell his B. N. - what is going  
forward here without breaking the  
Wind of any of his horses. I am my  
Dear Payne Very sincerely yours  
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