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(copy) Letter from Wm Pitt & 49908 Plymouth Dock
to Cap^t Hope - No 3 Feb 7th 1814

Sir-

I have just received your Letter, dated the 12th of Jan^y and it is with great Regret I learn that mine written in Oct^r should not have reached you - My Father sent it to Papages with his official dispatches, and Sir G. Collier assured him, that it had been immediately forwarded by a safe conveyance to the Army - however I now have the honor of enclosing a copy of it, for your perusal, and I trust you will no longer delay complying with the Request, which has been already but too often expressed, and return without loss of time, all the Letters or presents you may now have with you. If the parcel is sent to Admiral Pownall and Papages directed to Lord Keith, Gov^t

House, Plymouth Dock, there cannot be a
doubt of its safety - Should it be quite
improbable for you to allow the trunk to
be opened during your absence, I am
desir'd to say that a promise of their
being restored the moment you return to
this country will be accepted, but it is
also expected, that in case of any acci-
dent, a written order may be given
for their being immediately delivered
into Lord Ker's hands, as the mode
you propose of their being destroyed, is
by no means satisfactory - I should
also beg that you will answer upon your
word and honor, whether any of the
letters that pass'd before you left England
are in existence, or if they were

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work, according to the agreement that was made, when the correspondence commenced - From myself, I cannot forbear adding a few words, to entreat that you will no longer trifle with feelings which ought to be both respected and admired by any unnecessary delay in your compliance with my request, that you will consider the youth and inexperience of the person alluded to, at the time she entered into this unfortunate correspondence, and the anxiety she has since suffered from apprehensions of its being known - To her, such a discovery, would signify little, were all the circumstances of the case fully investigated, but to others, the conse-

quences might be most unpleasant, and
this idea, I assure you, dwells deeply
upon her mind, as well as the certainty
there is to your views of ad-
vancement in your profession -

At the same time, neither of these
considerations (tho' she feels them both
most sensibly) will prevent her from
informing her Father of the whole
transaction, should this letter not have
the desired effect of inducing you to
give up every trace that now remains
in your possession of what has passed

I remain Dear

(Signed) C. M. Lydston