

Ed. Howe

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Lord Howe has the honor to acquaint your Majesty, that by letters received this morning from Admiral Sir Thomas Pye, he finds, that amongst the Seamen in the Ships destined for foreign Service, more particularly, the impatience to receive their wages & discharge, appears to require early attention. He therefore proposes returning to Portsmouth to morrow morning, and flatters himself he shall be able to prevent

any inconvenience Extension of those Irregularities, by his
presence: Tho' he apprehends his stay at Portsmouth
must be continued, until the Weather may prove sufficiently
temperate for him to visit the Ships at Spithead.

The Neptune is directed to meet Lord Howe on
the Road to Portsmouth, with any Commands your Majesty
may be pleased to honor him with on this Occasion.

Admiralty

22 Feb: 1703.