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J^r Brother. Families Plymouth Sound

October 18th 3^o Clock

Knowing how anxious you will be
to hear news of the Fleet, I take the
first instant to inform you that we
are safe at Anchor in Plymouth Sound
after having been for three days in
continual gales of wind from the
south west. We have some ships
missing, but thank God we are come
off without hurt ourselves, and as yet
know of no accident that has befallen
any of the rest except the Royal
Anne, who fir'd two Guns as a
signal of distress and sail'd home^{ad.}
yesterday about Noon. Since the
Gale

was to come, it can not be at a better
time, as the Fleet was in great want of
Provision, particularly of Beer and
water. Our refitting must, ^{take up} some days
tho' the weather was to become more
moderate, and I fear I shall find
my Squadron more necessitous
than he yet apprehends. However I
shall not presume to stir without
leave, which if I am, I hope soon to
be inform'd of, as this is the most
disagreeable of Places.

I long for nothing now but to have
an opportunity to assure you in Person
how much I am
I beg my most humble duty to your Mother
my Mother & compl^{ts} to my dear Brother Edward.