

Hastur Hospital 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1790.

Sir

It is with much sorrow I find that Messrs. John & Henry Peaker have fallen under the displeasure of the Board of Admiralty, and that the latter of those Gentlemen has felt ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~unequal~~ <sup>unequal</sup> severity from the <sup>Commissioners of the Navy</sup> ~~Board~~.

I have reason to believe this affair has originated in ~~the~~ dispute with Mr. Nelson, late of Portsmouth Yard, and that this gentleman has endeavoured to influence the Board in his behalf, by attributing his neglect of superintending the ~~Elliot~~ <sup>Elliot</sup> ~~Nalley~~ <sup>Nalley</sup> to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~delicacy~~ <sup>delicacy</sup> towards you, ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~W. Peaker~~ <sup>W. Peaker</sup>. I think myself bound in justice & honour to comply to you my late intentions of preferring a complaint to the Navy Board of Mr. Nelson's not attending the getting out of the Nalley; as I had always been given to understand <sup>at the Yard</sup> I was under his directions. <sup>at the Yard</sup> About a fortnight before the departure from Portsmouth Harbour the few shipwrights that had been employ'd on it were withdrawn without <sup>giving me</sup> any intimation on that head: and on my remonstrating with the Master Shipwright and acquainting him that the jobs in hand were not finish'd, he confess'd his ignorance of the affair and told <sup>me</sup> she was immediately under the inspection of Mr. Nelson, who by the bye had never made his appearance ~~on~~ <sup>in</sup> the vessel. I inquired of Mr. Devrick, the foreman afloat the reason of <sup>the</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~absence~~ <sup>absence</sup> - I enquired of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Shipwright~~ <sup>Shipwright</sup> and he very significantly told me <sup>he was sure</sup> that Mr. Nelson never would go on board the Nalley. <sup>I shall</sup> Whatever the result may be <sup>I shall</sup> feel much grieved that prejudice should <sup>be</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> particularly distinguished the conduct of Mr. Nelson towards the vessels built under your directions, should meet any countenance - the more so as I have ever perferred <sup>Public</sup> the ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> ~~private~~ <sup>private</sup> ~~interest~~ <sup>interest</sup>, which ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> ~~manifest~~ <sup>manifest</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~conduct~~ <sup>conduct</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~trust~~ <sup>trust</sup> at least that all those whose employments are under Government will be actuated by the same principle -

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant

T. P. B.

General Benthams  
In the  
Admiralty

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While I have the pleasure of communicating to you <sup>the</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~improved~~ <sup>improved</sup> state of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~women~~ <sup>women</sup> ~~discrimination~~ <sup>discrimination</sup> I am under great anxiety for my good friends the Peakers, who I find have been hardly treated. It is too clear that the Navy Board wish to make support Mr. Nelson ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~yet~~ <sup>yet</sup> ~~trust~~ <sup>trust</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~rewarded~~ <sup>rewarded</sup> ~~according~~ <sup>according</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~merits~~ <sup>merits</sup>: ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~cause~~ <sup>cause</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~inequity~~ <sup>inequity</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~this~~ <sup>this</sup> ~~proceeding~~ <sup>proceeding</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~what~~ <sup>what</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>I</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> ~~communicated~~ <sup>communicated</sup> to you Sir, on the other sheet will have any weight whatever with the Board, be pleased to make that use of it you may think <sup>not</sup> proper. - I beg to offer my best thanks for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~kindness~~ <sup>kindness</sup> it is a <sup>pleasure</sup> ~~pleasure~~ <sup>pleasure</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~say~~ <sup>say</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>I</sup> ~~feel~~ <sup>feel</sup> ~~much~~ <sup>much</sup> ~~satisfied~~ <sup>satisfied</sup> that the Nalley's behaviour