

The Netley is nearly ready for sea, but whether I shall be successfully
 will before she gets ^{under} orders ~~to sail~~ is yet doubtful: for although my
 wounds are in a flattering state, I am much affected by a pain in my
 breast from a contusion I received a week prior to action, and ^{which} had reduced
 me at that period to a very weak and ~~afflictive condition~~ ^{afflictive condition} ~~state~~. I am
 conscious of your kind intentions, and beg also to say that T. R. S.
 has expressed his warmest ^{desire} ~~for~~ ^{for} my promotion. In a
 note which he sent me ~~on~~ the night of the attack, I was assured of his
 having recommended me in the strongest manner to Gen. Pease - he
 so kind ~~as~~ to say if you have any intimation from his Lordship
 on that ~~score~~ head. ~~Permit me~~ ^{Permit me} ~~to~~ ^{to} offer my best respects
 to Mr. Bentham, and ^{to} remain Sir

Your most obliged
 And very humble servant
 J. G. B.

General Bentham
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To Mr. Hasler Aug. 98
 to Gen. Bentham
 Mr. R. Shack
 Recommended to L. S. Gen.
 after dinner at Netley