

Royal Oak in Verdun Roads

28. May 1814.

My Lord,

Agreeably with your Lordship's directions of yesterday's date to take to my assistance the Master of the Fleet and Carpenters of the Ajax, Royal Oak, and Warspite, and to examine the defects of His Majesty's Ship Diadem;

I beg to state that it appears she drove on shore in Halifax Harbour on the 12th Nov. last and remained six hours; that she struck hard and sewd five feet abaft whilst afloat forward; that on her arrival at Portsmouth her defects were represented to the Admiral by The Honble Captain Biny, acting Captain, and those that appeared were made good at Spithead; that a few days before she sailed a

The Right Honble
Admiral Lord Viscount Keith K.B.

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