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Sir,

I take the earliest opportunity in my power to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, and to acquaint you, that I feel very much indebted for your useful communication. I have at the same time begone you, that I will not fail to give my earliest attention to the subject, with a view to the adoption of the measures which you have had the goodness to suggest.

I am, Sir, Yours

Frederick  
Commander in Chief

Admiral  
Sir Alexander Cochrane

Since I had the honor of seeing your Lordship this morning, I have given due consideration to your very kind and obliging offers for which I feel truly grateful. Having through life been employed upon active services I am afraid I should feel ill at ease

Yours truly  
Robert Melville

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