

Minute after Albion is ready to
proceed again to Sea, but her late
Cruise of Twelve Months has
rendered necessary for her a much
more complete repair than you
appear to have contemplated. The
whole of her Rigging, excepting the
standing shrouds and stays has
been condemned, and they have had
to make for her in the Dock Yard
two Topsail Yards and a jib Boom,
besides minor Articles, and she is
reported to be in such great want
for general caulking, that I have
felt it right to order its being done
previous to her undertaking a Winter
Cruise, and the smallness of our means
here, having but eight shipwrights
who are also the Caulkers, added to
the constant interruptions of bad
Weather, occasion our getting on but
slowly, in consequence however of
your last Communication, I shall
now order the Officers of the Yard
until Albion is ready, to authorize
extra work, and to work on Sunday
and