

Navy Yard 8th April 1813

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Since my last the Enemy have dropt out
of the Roads into Lynhaven Bay except one the Dragon
which lays about a mile below Yellowby point -

Captain Stewart sent the Franklin down & cut away
the buoy. four in number the information obtained
from Warrington is that there has been several desertion
from the enemy that twenty nine men had come
on shore from their ship. supposing that
to be the cause of their dropping into the bay -

On enquiring into the cause
why the gun boats were so very unpopular with the
inhabitants of Portmouth I was told by a gentleman
of respectability that an Officer of the Revenue Mr
Coffinwell had taken uncommon pains to impress
on the minds of the people that one hundred gun
boats would not prevent a single Frigate coming
up to town. such alliberal expressions from the
mouth of one who is receiving the patronage of his
Country in my opinion ought not to be countenanced.

Mr Molt Wilson a man of as much re-
spectability as any one here came into my Office on the 30th
ult. on business respecting his Timber & conversing on the subject
of contract. He observed that he