

I write this ~~last~~ lest I meet a ship sailing
 faster than royal oak, to inform you of
 my arrival. I suppose that I shall find orders
 to strike my flag if on one day at Portsmouth
 will suffice. If there are not orders I must
 wait till the pleasure of these ^{honour} Lordships is
 you may write a note to Hope and
 request to know what is to become of me
 at all events I shall hope to be here
 by return of post. I hope you must
 come to me. As I long most anxiously
 to see you - I am much pleased
 with my nephew James. Poor is an
 excellent man. He will take your leaving
 there is a most agreeable companion
 always in high spirits and good humour
 Col^d Jackson is an uncommon clever
 fellow few his superiors, ~~than~~ ^{young} ~~men~~ ^{men}