

Admiralty
12th Nov: 1721.

My Dear Lord,

It was unnecessary for your Lordship to take the trouble of writing to remind me of the situation of Rear Admiral of the United Kingdom, because if it should be arranged that Sir James Saumarez was to succeed Sir William Young, I had long since determined to submit to the King that you should succeed Sir James Saumarez. I have now the satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give directions for carrying that arrangement into effect, & have the honor to be, your Lordship's most obedient
Admiral
The Earl of Northesk &c. &c.

faithful servant
Melville

