

Ville de Paris in Torbay 2 October
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My Lord,

Having received information from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that conversations and correspondences, have been held, by Seamen belonging to some of the Ships of this Squadron, and of Ships serving in the North Sea, highly derogatory to the discipline of the Navy and the safety of the State, importing that another mutiny is in agitation, and to be carried into Execution at a given period, I think it my duty to apprise Your Lordship thereof, that you may be constantly on your guard, more particularly when in Port, against the machinations of wicked and designing Men; to counteract which the Main hatchway Berth on the Larboard side of the Lower Deck, of each Line of Battle Ship, is to be restored to the Masters' Stater, and the Masters at Arms to be established, abreast of the Bitts on the Starboard side. The Mannes, on board Ships of three Decks, to be berthed on the Middle Deck, and in Ships of two Decks, close aft to the Gunroom setting, without any Seamen intermixed with them, and such other precautions taken, as may best defeat the horrible Crime, supposed to be in contemplation, by a vigilant attention to

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the Carriage and Manners of those suspected
of disaffection: and I desire you will
report to me (sending at the same time
a Duplicate thereof) the apparent
disposition of your Ships Company, and
from time to time, any Change your
Lordship may observe in their behaviour.

All Communication from one
Ship to another, by Boats is absolutely
necessary to be discontinued, both at Sea
and in Port, as far as the duties of His
Majesty's Service will admit.

I am

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most obedient
humble servant,
St. Vincent.

