

Admiral of the Blue. This vessel had been only lately built, and was named in honour of the Prince of Wales.

He was furnished in all respects as scantily as any youngster of the mess; and the only particulars in which it appears he derived, or desired, any special advantages from his rank, were the privilege of dining at the Admiral's table, and the use of a separate cabin, with some other trifling distinctions, which were more cheerfully offered than willingly accepted.

"The Prince's manners and personal appearance were much in his favor. He was of a very athletic make, well proportioned, and with an agreeable countenance; his humour was rich and pleasant, his temper equal, and his general demeanour plain and affectionate; there was not the least indication about him of pride of birth and prospects; and on all occasions he exhibited the determination to act like a sailor, and to maintain that character as the distinctive mark of his life. As Admiral Digby was personally responsible for the care and well-being of his royal pupil, he, of course, restrained his conversational intercourse within a certain limit; not so much as to curtail his freedom, but sufficient to preserve him from the moral dangers that frequently assail a young officer on shipboard. Some few escapades were unavoidable, and perhaps acted with a wholesome influence upon the mind of the Prince. On one occasion, he and a brother midddy happening to quarrel upon deck, the latter boldly exclaimed, that 'only he was a prince he would give him a good threshing.' The former instantly tore off his jacket, which was distinguished by some little ornament of lace on its collar, and replied, 'You will give me a threshing?' at the same time, flinging away his jacket, he continued, 'there goes the prince—now try!' The juvenile combatants then closed, and some blows had been already exchanged when they were separated by the officers, who did