

TO  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD VISCOUNT MELVILLE,  
FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY,  
Es. &c.

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MY LORD,

IN presuming to dedicate this small volume to your Lordship, I sincerely trust that I shall not risk incurring your Lordship's disapprobation. From whom can a Naval writer hope for protection, if not from the Noble Personage who has conferred so many benefits upon his Profession? To whom can a young Sailor look for support, if not to him who possesses such strong *hereditary* and *personal* claims to be denominated "THE SEAMAN'S FRIEND!"

I have the honour to subscribe myself,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's

Very obedient, humble servant,

EDWARD CHAPPELL.