

lands—and so eminently beneficial to the cause of science and of commerce, could never have been successfully accomplished, had not the character of the Navy been habitually maintained at, perhaps, the highest level which human exertion is capable of reaching.

To produce this generous spirit, however, and to preserve it entire when once created, there was required, on the part of the Royal Family, some signal example of personal sacrifice to the popular service of the country. And although it would be very presumptuous in any one to pretend to estimate the advantages which the profession has derived, in our own days, from Your Majesty having condescended to become one of its working members, there can be no doubt, that in all future times, the British Navy will retain the salutary impression, and cherish the remembrance of this high honour.

May it please Your Majesty,  
Your Majesty's  
most dutiful servant,  
most grateful  
and most faithful subject,

FREDERICK WILLIAM BEECHEY.