

over his head ; because he happens to have the countenance of an Admiral.

I shall confine myself, my Lord, to the promotion of the corps, which is the particular subject of my Letters. Whilst I am writing, I have before me a paper, containing the names of those *Lieutenants*, who are, it asserts, to be made *Masters* and *Commanders*. I have reason to imagine the list is authentic, as, excepting two, the names of the ships they belong to, with their stations, are annexed, and are those of the flag officers of the fleet both at home and on the foreign stations. I again repeat, my Lord, that I most heartily coincide with the idea of attending to the Admiral's recommendations, and doubt not of the propriety of them in general ; yet, in support of my argument, I must make some observations, without meaning the least invidious reflection to any individual, contained in the list ; I sincerely congratulate them on their prospect, and take a pleasure in viewing it.

This account, my Lord, contains the names of *twenty-seven* Lieutenants. I have examined their situation on the navy list, and, to my surprize, have only found **FOUR** of the officers, who have not about **FIVE HUNDRED** above them upon the list ; and those have near **FOUR HUNDRED** ; that there are only **SIX** who have not upwards of **EIGHT HUNDRED** before them, and that there are

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