

done to it, ought therefore to be felt by the other; it should become a mutual interest, and all should unite in obtaining relief and redress. If principle did not, general interest, if rightly considered, would produce that *unanimity*, which, if displayed, I will venture to assert, there is nothing that you could ask, which it would not be in your power to obtain. You have the heart of the nation with you; it is the public wish that you should *all* enjoy the due reward of your merits and great services. Your happiness is a public good; and be assured, whatever you *unanimously* requested, no minister dared refuse. It is disunion alone, and the petty consideration of private interests, that subjects the navy to the insults it has received.

The wound so recently inflicted on your honour, by the proud predecessor of the present First Lord, abetted by the man who is now *factotum* to the latter, cannot yet be cicatrized. You must still smart under the indignity, and reflect on the authors with detestation. Had *unanimity* prevailed throughout the navy, would the one have *ruled* at the Admiralty Board, and the other have been honoured with the command of the finest fleet, this or any other country ever beheld; though unblest with that warm affection, that confidence, esteem, and respect,

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