

Honorable Sr Jose Lucas Ovi

Sr Sr

I am honored with your note of this morning and return you my thanks for the kindness you are pleased to offer me.

I perceive you have not understood my note relative to the Officers. The Inspector sent me advice that such Officers as wished to name for the sea service to remit their names I have accordingly sent him all we have with the exception of the candidate for a Lieut whose bad conduct having been already represented by the Portuguese on shore I had not confidence to repeat or to be revocated to see you or myself compromised by recommending an improper character. Those whom I have returned - are the Dutch Midshipman - Masters Mate Keat. John Stevens Boatswain. Willm Poudre 2<sup>o</sup> Carpenter - John Mosy - Armourer. whom are all I have onboard or offered.

I am this moment informed from the Command of the Troops that I am authorized to change the Battery, and ask for Muskets & swords from the Minister of War.

I enclose your Honor the letter as written which please to have the Goodness to lay before His Excellency the Minister for the



The note in Postscript recommending the Sergeant  
is all I can say. and when Farine has the  
assurance to give your solicitation any thing  
from me will only injure the Serg<sup>t</sup> and not  
serve him - the commissioned Officers for this  
Ship in the Troops are compleat - and if  
he is promoted it must be for some other  
Ship -

permit me to repeat how sensible it is  
to me that you should meet, desquise in  
any instance with the Gov<sup>t</sup> and leave  
no small apprehension for my destiny - I  
sincerely hope to meet constantly in the  
Character of the Minister Donatien and  
in His Majesty of nob. I shall be glad  
to retire -

I remain Dear your  
Sincere & Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>  
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P.S. I think you will be pleased to present my  
respects to our Friend. Lillo

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