

Extract from Mr. Hammons letter  
dated Rio — and dated Sept. 12.  
1839.

"I'll come with my love that we  
saw her young friend Alfred Ryden  
Several times during the short  
stay of the Stag at Rio — he was  
just at the moment that I was  
wavering between sleep and  
convalescence, and we could do but  
take for him or any other of the Staff.  
He is your good Captain Horn in that  
Ship. When Commodore Sullivan  
proposed to keep him — although he is  
I believe declared for the Imogene.  
The Commodore told me he did not  
only wish to keep him in the Stag  
because he thought him a fine  
lad

and promising officer - but  
 because he thought his example  
 a positive advantage in the  
 "military service" - where he is  
 a general favorite - His account  
 must be highly satisfactory to his  
 Family - and Anne will have  
 great pleasure in giving it."

Upson  
 of Gen. Abbott.  
 Received. Sept. 12.  
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