

To Lady Gardiner and all at: P. O. A. K.  
I have written Hall for a fortnight he is gone  
away to dinner I think: did I tell  
you I had seen Jacks - did brother come? (26)

P. O. packet such a grey respectable looking  
- J. Hodgkisson Samuelley  
My dear Miss Gardiner Sat 27. 1813

Poor Rose (a mangle) on board  
she came to see to step his allotment  
which he has always paid to his Sister  
she was a servant with (Cap. Gambier)  
he left him & taken to bad ways  
I asked whether he would not like  
to take the poor girl that he  
would always be ready to support  
or help to support her or help  
if she returned to her Aunt? I  
think. He said he would do so  
but was evidently bent on stopping  
it at once. Although I warned  
him that might lead to hardens  
her. He showed me his Aunt's

letter speaking of her Sister at  
 Lady Gairmen a being quite well  
 This is a case brought under me,  
 immediate notice - as an Associate  
 I am bound to do all I can to help  
 the poor girl - but I know not what  
 I can do more than - tell you of  
 it. Bussage, Salisbury. Elsewhere  
 all spend their doors to me when  
 I tried to get that wicked Emma  
 white away from Portsmouth and  
 I have no doubt - would a gain  
 if - through the Sister you can in  
 any way secure <sup>the</sup> poor girl pray  
 make what use you like of  
 my purse - my wife will honour  
 your check to any amount.  
 The weather has been glorious  
 for the last ten days and "only  
 man is vile" - The fattening of

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Muskets, the booming of guns  
the hissing of heavy shot & shell and  
drumbeats through my windows  
when closed. We are anchored just  
2 1/2 miles from the Russian batteries  
out of range of their guns. The firing  
is between them and our lines:  
There is a report that the Dukes  
Michael & ... have set off with  
a large reinforcement - I doubt it  
but I report daily to the Admiral  
the arrival of large convoys of  
provisions, I suppose. I am stationed  
there near to Sebastopol as a look  
out ship to watch - we are staffed  
& he ready for instant action. The  
guns are all loaded, and at  
night the men lay down by them  
with their arms on. Our shells have  
a very warlike appearance. But  
as yet the Russians have not moved out.

These are said to be some of B Ships  
 state above waiting on Letter to get  
 and they have letters of coming  
 out - but as yet they show no disposition  
 to do so - I wish they would cut  
 give the ship the names they  
 fancy my guessing & capturing  
 the Twelve apostles: The  
 night here become so bright &  
 clear that I am going to let  
 my men haul their hammocks  
 to night - The most of them here  
 had no they but the boards for  
 the last ten days - The dear  
 Jacob is progressing with his algebra  
 but is very simple about it. Did  
 I tell you that I have asked Mr. Kelle  
 to decide whether I should take any  
 steps to get Wallace made an Asst  
 Clerk which leads up to Paymaster.  
 Perhaps he (Mr Kelle) may write to you  
 on the subject = I have said nothing  
 to Wallace with prudent regards