

Wexford n
August 11, 1850

Darling

I try to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter and
am sorry that I should
have occasioned to you the
trouble of writing so much
at length. I have no doubt
that the difficulty you feel
in accepting the task proposed
to you can only arise from
your natural diffidence &
that Admiral Martin would
not have selected you without
a certainty that your talents
were fully sufficient for the

purpose, but I entertain much
less apprehension that there
should be any misunderstan-
ding upon the temporary
nature of the employment.

The object had in view in
the application ^{to Dr. Playfair} was to obtain
a report of the real state of
the navigation schools which
Dr. Playfair's other avocations
did not render it possible
for him thoroughly to
investigate. It had no refer-
ence to future employment.
I can entertain some opi-

impression that the continued
care of the schools themselves
is somewhat problematical
and at the same time that
I request you to undertake
the task of reporting upon
them. I have thought it right
to explain as clearly as I
could the nature of the
duties required from you

I remain

Yours very sincerely

James A. History

Capt. Ryder R. R.

Lord Salisbury

Aug. 15

re. W. H. 13^{1/2}
and immediately