

MY DEAR SIR THOMAS, - I am exceedingly obliged to you for your late letter of congratulation on the great events - a happy day it would have been indeed had my dear friend survived - but I cannot separate from the glory of such a day, the loss of such a Hero - he possessed the confidence of the enthusiast, directed by talents which he had been born with and everything seemed as if by magic, to go well under his command.

Collingwood to Sir Thomas Pasley (December 1805).
Collingwood was in command of 'Royal Sovereign'

Presentation

Nelson had been friends for ... years.

Collingwood thought Nelson ... (quote from the evidence...)

When Nelson was killed at the Battle of ... Collingwood (quote from the evidence)

In conclusion, despite Nelson being younger than Collingwood and being promoted higher than him in the navy, Collingwood ... (quote from the evidence...)

Our dear Admiral Nelson is killed! so we have paid pretty sharply for licking 'em. I never set eyes on him, for which I am both sorry and glad; for, to be sure, I should like to have seen him - but then, all the men in our ship who have seen him are such soft toads, they have done nothing but blast their eyes, and cry, ever since he was killed. God bless you! chaps that fought like the devil, sit down and cry like a wench. I am still in the Royal Sovereign, but the Admiral has left her, for she is like a horse without a bridle, so he is in a frigate that he may be here and there and everywhere, for he's as cute as here and there one, and as bold as a lion, for all he can cry! - I saw his tears with my own eyes, when the boat hailed and said my lord was dead.

Sam, seaman on 'Royal Sovereign' at Trafalgar, October 1805



The death of Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar

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