

**Letter 1. Samuel Castle to J.E. Blakett.**

**(thanking J E Blakett for his help in making contact with Lord Collingwood)**

**Durham,  
29<sup>th</sup> August 1803.**

**Dear Sir,**

**Had my gratitude required any stimulus this additional mark of your thoughtful attention must have roused it and I trouble you with this again to repeat my thanks and to mention how very pleasant it is that my wife and son can do the business at Portsmouth, not more on account of the distance than that we have a dear friend and relation of my wife's (daughter of Mr. Bell, late mayor of Berwick) who married Col. Jarretts of the Royal Artillery stationed at Portsmouth. This circumstance I perhaps did not mention before because I thought going to Plymouth was the wish of Admiral Collingwood. My wife and son will set out on Monday morning, they could not sooner, your good wishes must prevail and I have no fears.**

**I am Dear Sir your ever obliged and grateful humble servant.**

**Samuel Castle**