

Letter 3 Admiral Collingwood to Samuel Castle

Venerable off Brest,
27th September 1803.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that your son arrived on board this ship yesterday in good health and spirits and by him received the favour of your letter. I shall have the great pleasure in doing every kindness in my power for the young man for whom Mr. Blakett has expressed himself so much interested. I was on this account prepared to give him a kind reception but independent of so favourable an introduction, his manners and appearance at first sight would have obtained for him regard. He seems a sprightly, spirited youth and there is no doubt will in due time make a good officer. It would have been of great advantage to him to have got a little mathematics before he embarked, but as it is he must make the best use of the opportunities that offer. I shall take care that whatever is necessary for him shall be provided, which I expect will be no great expense, for in proportion as he applies himself to his duty, his expenses will be less. I hope he will live and prosper in the Service to your utmost wish.

Cuthbert Collingwood.