

My mind is ever at work to keep my people employed, both for health's sake, and to save them from mischief. We have lately been making musical instruments, and have now a very good band. Every moonlight night the sailors dance; and there seems as much mirth and festivity as if we were in Wapping itself. One night the rats destroyed the bagpipes we had made, by eating up the bellows; but they suffer for it, for in revenge we have made traps of all constructions, and have declared a war of extermination against them.

**Collingwood (January 1798)**

'Captain, I have been thinking, whilst I looked at you, how strange it is that a man should grow so big and know so little. That's all, Sir; that's all.' Hats off; low bows.

**Collingwood to a captain**



It was not easy to command sailors but Collingwood was well liked by his men.

Max Adams

### **Presentation**

**Collingwood was a ... captain. Many of his sailors thought (quote from the evidence...). His officers had a great deal of respect for him too (quote from the evidence...).**

**He made sure that his officers, particularly the midshipmen ... (quote from the evidence...)**

**Many captains used flogging to keep discipline. Collingwood's attitude to flogging was...**

**However, he had little time for those who could not do their job properly, particularly if they were officers. (quote from the evidence...)**