Collingwood's calling across the deck to his fat, stupid captain - long since dead - when he had seen him do some dreadful mistake, and after the usual bowing which the excellent old chief* never forgot - he said: '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.

I have a conscientious young man for my secretary and Clavell, my lieutenant, is the spirit of the ship; but such a captain (Rotherham), such a stick, I wonder very much how such people get forward. I should (I firmly believe) with his sailing ability and knowledge and hard work, have been a bad lieutenant at this day. Was he brought up in the navy? For he has very much the style of the Coal trade about him, except that they are good seamen.

Collingwood to his sister (August 1805)

I was sorry to hear of poor Rotherham who, though I think him a stupid man, I was in hope might have gone on in the ship I put him, which I believe was the only chance he had of being in a ship.

Collingwood to Sir Edward Blackett

Presentation

Collingwood thought well of some people (quote from the evidence...)

The things he admired in these people were... (quote from the evidence...)

But other people he had little time for (quote from the evidence...)

He reasons he did not like these people were (quote from the evidence...)

In conclusion, Collingwood admired people for... (quote from the evidence...) and disliked others for... (quote from the evidence)