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I have never been able to sit up since my coming on Shore I am quite unable to write because I am weak and have to lay on my Side which puts me in pain, You must therefore excuse my not replying to your last favour sooner - I think you should have more Confidence in the Conduct I have observed towards you than to believe the reports of every malicious ill disposed man that may under the mask of Friendship disagree with some new Tale, a momentary reflection should convince you that I have done you all the justice in my Power you were the Bearer of my dispatches to the Navy Depart<sup>t</sup>, and had the advantage of doing yourself all the good in your Power in fact telling your own Story, what more could you wish I have attached no Blame to you for the Proceedings of the unfortunate 22 of June I know it was as unsuspected to you as it was to me and the whole notorious infamous officers however say it was to be expected if it was why were they not prepar'd and why did they not give some Supporte from those on the Quarter deck I could not even get an answer to a Question, they are or were on that Day the greatest Cowards that ever stood on a Ships Deck, and if they dont support the evidence before the trial they will be Prov'd so, The reason why I sent Capt Hall down to have the Gun fired, was I supposed because you were not on the Deck at the time and you must remember that I never suffer'd you to remain on the Quarter Deck any time because I knew if it was Popul<sup>r</sup> to rouse the People from their Slumber it could

only to drive your presence out of my sight

Respectfully I am Sir

Your Obedt Servt

James Barron



Copy of letter to

Capt. G. Gordon

W. Brown  
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