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Diomedes Hoos June 29th 1798.

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Sir



I have received your letter this day, and, in answer
beg leave to state to their Lordships this account of the circumstance
which has been so grossly misrepresented by West Evans -
I was with Lieut. Pascoe walking down the street of Gravesend
to take a boat to the Diomedes being just returned from Matham
on Horseback, passing some women or rather, Girls, they made
use of some Expressions which from their Indecent Tenor,
occasioned us to laugh, they turned into another Street, and,
we going on, at some distance from the women passed a
man who called out, "look at those two D- d fools," on which
Lieut. Pascoe turned to him, and asked him what he said; and how
he dared Insult gentleman without provocation, on which the
man making use of the most abusive exortations, occasioned
Lieut. Pascoe to say - I shall take you to the Rendezvous, and
see how you are protected, that you are so insolent, at the
same time taking him by the collar, in the way down the
person came up who proved to be Mr Evans, and, by his clamorous
and particularly, Inflammatory Language raised a Mob who
surrounded us, altho Lieut. Pascoe informed him of his intention
which was to have the man convinced of the impropriety of his
conduct, but Mr Evans would not allow him to pass and by much

insult irritated Lieut. Pascoe, not reflecting on the rights of a corporation, which the other had in view, and, by repeated provoking interrogations whether he meant to keep the man, to such a Degree as to occasion his saying, yes I do, when Instantly Mr Evans called out "I charge the Constable with Lieut. Pascoe, and, as Instantly the Mob gave three cheers. It may here be observed I have been giving Mr Pascoe History and left my self and conduct unexplained, but as I really was no more concerned in this Business than by frequently reminding Lieut. Pascoe that he must not allow such treatment to get the better of his patience, and, that all these people wanted was to make him comedit himself, and, to irritate him to strike the man in order to prosecute him which was evidently, and, I firmly believe their intention, and, on their cheering I asked, much provoked at such outrage "if it did not do him Mr Evans great Good, which I could not refrain from as he kept continually declaring his determination to defend the rights of the Inhabitants, and, much to this Effect - I naturally went with Lieut. Pascoe to Capt Dunells where the Business was arranged as I supposed, never supposing Mr Evans had any thing to alledge against me tho he was personally more offended at my reproof - for his inflammatory

rather than pacific interference which he himself declared
by his observing, that I was very warm and treated him
worse than Lieut Pascoe - This Sir is the substance of the affair
as it is impossible to repeat every word that passed as well
as improper to trouble their Lordships with a repetition
of much unecessary language and oaths repeated by persons in
such a situation, but give me leave to assure you that there
is no circumstance or Expression omitted which could in
any wise alter the inference to be drawn from what
I have the Honour to state. I now only wish to observe
and, to pray their Lordships will consider that there
could be no culpability in my being at that Place
on my return from Chatham to the Downs to visit
a Brother, in the company of an officer very much respected
walking quietly in the Street and not at all disturbing women
(or) Inhabitants of the Town. or either Intemperately or
Triumphantly demeaning myself - and I have the most
through confidence that their Lordships will not suffer
the exaggerated accounts of an affair by an Individual
personally required, to be the condemnation and utter
ruin of an officer whose character has been heretofore
unstain'd on any occasion, and, who is already Honor'd
with a Commission from their Lordships, and, whose

study it ever has been to deserve such honours

I intercal your indulgence for having
been thus prolix but the infinite consequence it must
be of to me to convince their Lordships that the severe
punishment with which I am threatened by them
if I fail in my explanation is now unmerited will
sufficiently excuse me -

To
Evan Nepean Esq:
Admiralty -



I have the Honor to be
Sir your most Obedient
Servant J. H. Moore

*Received of the Admiralty
the sum of 1000
£ 1000
the 10th of 1792
J. H. Moore*