

... tomorrow who will set matters square my
... has said written every thing a
man could in respect to the manner in which
I conducted the business, what an evil effect
this was had upon us all; a page & a half
written up with self, self, 'tis horrid; never this
... I told you, did I?
... these are the two beautiful lakes on the
... after much thought
I struck out a plan of inland navigation which
might be accomplished in two or three days
having the use of country waggons which only carry
a small working load at half the animals pace
... might be of use, this I
had presented to him by Capt Spratt who has
approved the lake, I went to head quarters with it
... he sent to say he
highly approved of it as a means of provisioning
the army and with my permission would
send it to the admiral, if carried out without
... a stone
ship & the Capt with 2/3 of the crew put on the
lakes under me with a goodly supply of
... a staff of the admiral
The oars are to be broad garden spades

and the jetties breadbags. While at Head Quarters
today I heard the pleasing intelligence of the ships
having raised the siege of Silistria which could
not hold out beyond this week at the furthest
and retired upon the Danube, Lord Napier
gave it out himself after Divion's return &
Spratt told me he went off at 1 this morning
with the intelligence to the admiral so it must be
true, I did not see Lord N. but in my letter I
made at the end an allusion to my
correspondence with Napier, perhaps something
may get turned up, that alone induced me
to try any thing, but better not go too fast,
I hope Vano will stick to the German, something
may get turned up, The light Division is only
8 miles from this but I am so continually
going that I could not look after a horse &
find time to ride out & see them? They cannot
move for ten days more on account of the
deficiency of the commissariat, in fact they
all seem adrift, The town of Varna is a miserable
place, Head Quarters look close with a woodch
on one side & in much the same manner all
the beds of camp living in the orchard & the sea
when the Hay racks stand, the houses in town hang
tree to a post or big stone, when we visit any near
camp

the preparations or intentions. I am getting
two ships ready to take 100 boxes of a proportion
of the same which I have entrusted above
50 miles from the shore it is melancholy
to hear of the school going to decay. I
must leave you taking Va away
and must leave it to your judgment
see where the sea is so deep, it is hard
not being able to get the farm & I am
puzzled at your & Richard having so much
trouble about it, pray thank him
I wish I had his ricks here to
sell for him. I could get ten or twelve
pounds for the lot, if the Dutch could see the
value they do in England they would make
a fortune all our best of a ton but it is
so beautifully packed & so unlike what is now
coming out from Ireland which is bound
with cords instead of iron & half of it wasted
by the lords breaking. I sent a great man
of it away before breakfast today and as

my new little man is sick as well as
the dear old man who has gone to England
I am again on my duty here, we have
new ships of War & I know nobody in them
though I took my lady acquaintance to
the Sans Parail yesterday, she is broad
shoulder'd & masculine in strength & insisted on
going out the side as a sailor as she said &
I should be wiser to be harder than most
men, today she was at the head of the
fleet to the new camp ten miles off
I am so sorry to hear poor Bob there
has been so ill, & I was in a perspiration
until I came to the end of your account
saying he was out of danger, what can
have induced them to set the last of air
& to know how they let it, I have now
received No 4. 5. 7. 8. 9 letters & I have no doubt
of a Constantinople somewhere, I see some of my
early letters how p^r full postage as usual lately from this
all should be prepaid in stamps which are sold here at the
office, I think it would be well perhaps to give Bundy
notice & you could take a trip to Perth or other place

