

8th paper letter of bond
Super numerarys account
more than Complement
1693

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Woolwich

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Number 319



M^r Breerton

Since my writing of this I have cast my Eye a little more particularly upon the very last
you now send me and see as ever the very same error in the Lt David and Dundake 271. The
Lt David whose Complement is but 260 hath 295 Men boarne, and but 191 Mustered, and the
Dundake whose Complement is but 340 hath boarne 375 and appearing but 274.

I have rec^d yo^r Letter of the 13th instant, and am
very well satisfied with what you write therein
desiring that for the enabling me to give that day by
satisfaction to his Ma^{ty} and my Lords of the Admiralty
which is necessary, touching the present posture of
every Ship, you will not faile for the tyme to come to
mention that particular hitherto omitted of the
Number of Men actually appearing on board and
mustered as well as the Number boarne. And this
I must confest I the rather doe to you, because I have
hitherto observed such an irregularity in one of yo^r
weekly Accounts as I never met withall from any
other hand, nor would be by any means sufferable to
be continued either in yours or any others, which is,
that whilst not a quarter part of the Complement of
Men have been found appearing on board, a considera-
ble Number above the Complement have been found
boarne as supernumerarys upon the Ships boards.
Which in Harbour is an exorbitance soe great, as
cannot measure be Justified, nor more then in the
consequence of it to his Ma^{ty} it can be thought
tolerable, especially with the Clerks of the Cheque
upon whom noe piece of Duty lyeth more expressly, then
that of keeping to attendance all Persons that are
boarne, and that noe Number be boarne upon any Ship
beyond the Number established, In which I am to pray
you for yo^r owne sake as well as his Ma^{ty} to take care
to prevent any such irregularities for the tyme to
come. And remaine

Your very affectionate friend
& Servant

J. P. S.

Clerk of Cheque at Woolwich