

what our destination is, perhaps
it would not be proper in me
even to guess at —

A Poor Soldier of the Artillery was
taken so ill to day of a putrid fever
that my Uncle fearful lest it
should spread has sent him on
Shore, by the way I managed to smuggle
a letter to three by the boat that took him
on Shore — — — we were joined
today by a Captain Holmes of the 10th
Reg^t who is just come from the West
Indies & gave us ~~both~~ a miserable account
of it, and indeed idea of it, from
the poor man's own looks — — —
This man's arrival has given rise
to a very handsome pleasant

thing on the part of the Officers
of this ship, in consequence of his
arrival it became necessary for
the ease of the Officers to remove
one of the Capt^s to another ship
but a hint of this ship was disputed
by the Ward Room to prevent Capt^s
Dayle to allow him to remain
on board for that they ~~do~~ ^{would} not at all
mind the inconvenience if he was
allowed to remain, they besought
that none of their old friends had
been away. To prevent this
nearly to know the ^{opting} conduct
of the boat Service, which is not
the case — we have intakes of