

Wm Smith to - Gray -

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Boslogos near St. Mawes - 6th May 1793

Dear Sir

I am glad to find Richard Pile has gained the Rapell. Another of my Neighbours, a Seaman also, would have been up, but not finding any Vessel bound that way, I was obliged to put him on board the Sprightly Cutter, which, as I mentioned in my last, was ordered to Wales, but countermanded & sent to Plymouth, where the Man (William Grosse alias Groves) having my Certificate &c. &c. was, with others, put on board the Receiving Ship (Cambridge). I hope he may be followed, & regained, for (knowing the County of Cornwall well) should it once get afloat - that our Men to the Rapell were otherwise disposed of, the first & General Plan would not only be blown up, but also, after what I have published abroad, tend greatly to destroy that popularity which no Man can possess a greater share of than myself. And which I should be sorry to lose, notwithstanding (when I applied to be on the Regulating service, & having on a former day got more Men than any other Officer at the time & equal Expence) Lord Chatham told me, there was a line drawn, & he was sorry to say - I was the wrong side of it. I suppose I crossed it at the last County Election.

I shall attend Capt. Payne's letter, and am &c.

W^m Smith

To Mr. Gray -

Mr. Smith Cornwall

William Smith
D. 14 Aug 1793