

# On Her Majesty's Service

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Royal Powder Mills  
Faversham 17 May 1791

My Lord Duke  
and  
Honble Genl.

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We humbly beg leave to acquaint you that this morning at 5 o'clock - N. 1 Lower Floor Mill blew up just at the Instant the Charge had worked its full Time & the Millman was about to take it from off the Bedstone - but it providentially did no other Damage than Blowing off the Roof of the Mill.

The Cause of this Accident was the Horses starting forwards after the Millman had collected the Charge in readiness to take it off the Bedstone; by which means the Runners came in Contact and occasioned the Explosion.

In order to prevent a similar Accident we have directed the Millmen in future to loose the Horses Traces from the Mills at the time of Unloading.

We have in order to prevent His Majestys Service from suffering any Delay, requested the Commanding Royal Engineer to repair the small Damage the above Mill has sustained from this Explosion - which we humbly hope will meet your Approbation.

We are

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W. J. S.

A. H.

B. B.

His Grace the Master Genl.

And Honble Board of Ordnance