

# On Her Majesty's Service

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Royal Powder Mills  
Faversham 3 July 1792.

Sir

No 17  
We beg leave to acquaint you that  
this morning about 5 o'clock N<sup>o</sup> 3 & 4 pair of Runners  
at Horse and Chart mill blew up a few minutes  
before the usual time of unloading them, which were at  
work on Cylinder Charcoal, by which accident the mill  
has received considerable damage being totally  
unroofed and the sides and ends of that part of the  
Mill blown out, but providentially the millman  
escaped with no further injury than a slight contusion  
on his leg by the fall of a plank, we imagine it was  
occasioned from the snuff being blown over the leaden  
Cistern in which the Lamp stands by the violence of  
the wind as on examining the mill a hole was discover'd  
in the bottom of the place that contains the lamp, burnt  
quite through. — The Clerk of the works will repair the  
damage as soon as possible and in order to prevent  
the like happening again we purpose to have the places  
which contain the lamps lined entirely with lead.  
We further beg to acquaint you that we have as  
usual advised the Honble Board of the above  
Circumstance and the steps we intend taking in  
Consequence

Major Congreve

Comptroller

We are

Sir

With Respect

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