

On Her Majesty's Service

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My Lord Duke
&
Honble Gent^{rs}

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Royal Frederic Mills
Taversham 3 Feby 1792.-

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We most respectfully beg leave to inform Your Grace & the Honble Board that this morning about 5 o'clock N^o 3 & 4 pairs of Runners at horse and Chart mill blew up a few minutes previous to the usual time of taking off the Charges, by which accident the Mill has received considerable damage, but the millman escaped with no further Injury than a slight bruise on his Leg by the fall of a Plank.

Upon examining the mill after the Explosion we discovered a hole in the Bottom of the place that contains the Lamp, burnt through; which leads us to think, it was occasioned by the Snuff thereof being blown over the leaden Cistern in which the Lamp stands, by the violence of the wind.

We have therefore thought proper to request the Clerk of the works to repair the mill to prevent the Service being retarded as little as possible, and in order to avoid a similar accident in future, the places wherein the lamps stand, to lighten the mills, will be lined entirely at the bottom with lead which we humbly hope will meet your Approbation.

We are

My Lord Duke & Honble Gent^{rs}

With the utmost respect

Your very obedient humble
Servants

His Grace the Master General

&
Honble Board of Ordnance

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