

Admiral's Office 3<sup>d</sup> April  
1705

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and Gunners Stores as shall be proper for them  
the former for service in the Mediterranean  
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main Fleet, & the other for service in the *H* of  
*Shannon*, the same to be delivered into the Charge  
of the respective Ma<sup>y</sup> Gunners of the said Ships  
and their Indents taken for them as Usual -  
Yours

Your Affection<sup>d</sup> Friend  
George

Duke of Marlborough Ma<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Ordnance

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Them

Master

Your affectionate friend

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[Duke of Marleborough](#) Ma<sup>R</sup> Gen<sup>LL</sup> of Ordnance.

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Abbreviations/contractions  
used in this document:

Y<sup>m</sup> = them

Ma<sup>s</sup> = Master

Written during the reign of Queen Ann, this document was clearly addressed to John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, Master General of the Ordnance, however, it is unclear who the writer, 'George' was, but he must have been senior to the Duke and so, very senior indeed. Possibly one of the Lords of the Admiralty.