

Mr: Hooper / Lower of 22 Feb: 1709/10

I am sorry y^e Boards Letter
of y^e 11: was detain'd so long before we
sent it, the reason I told, by y^e post scrip
and am likewise sorry y^e Mr Gawler
should impose upon y^e office & y^e Bill,
by setting a higher discount on these
bills, at y^e time he recd y^e m^o usually
they were then discount at but I hope
he will not let you be a loser, for y^e
good, & honest intentions in paying
what he demand'd before y^e Boards
order came to y^e hands. y^e two books
will be made good by Tommorrow's Carriers by
whome will also come, print Indent
of both sorts, w^{ch} is all from
y^e most Faithfull Serv^t:
Christ: Lister

For Her Maj^{ty}: Service

To Mr John Hooper -
Storekeep^r: for y^e Office
of Ordnance at
Portsmouth

For Her Maj^{ty}s Service

To Mr John Hooper
Storekeep^r for y^e office
of ordnance att
Portsmouth

Date stamped FE/22

Ma^r Hooper / Tower y^e 22^d Feb^{ry} 1709/10

I am sorry y^e Board's letter
of y^e 11th was detain'd too long before we
sent it, the person I told by y^t post sent
and I am likewise sorry y^t Mr. Ganter
should impose upon y^e office & y^r self
by setting a Higher discount on those
bills at y^e time he rece^d y^m: y^u usuall
they were then discounted at but I hope
he will not let you be a loser for y^r
good, & Honest intentions in paying
what he demand'd before y^e Boards
order came to y^r Hands. Y^r Two books
will be made good by Tomorrows Carriers by
whom will also come, printd Indents
of both sorts w^{ch} is all from

y^r most thankful Hum^{ble} Serv^t

Chris lister.

In this letter 'Y' is used to contract 'th' as follows:

Y^e = the Y^t = that Y^m = them

We also see: Y^r = your, Y^u = you

And:

W^{ch} = which

It is interesting to note that the date stamp indicates that the letter was written and received on the same day. This suggests that the post was carried by a daily carriage from London to Portsmouth.