

Office of Ordnance  
19<sup>th</sup> Aug: 1710

Mr. Cooper

By the Remain of the Office  
I beg to be sent up, 10 of the 14 Minions  
Guns, as is said to be Henry Conde. We would have you  
make a carefull Survey of the same, to inform us  
whether they are fitt for the Kings Service or not  
We are  
Your Affectional Friend  
Margrave  
J. B. Bridg

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The Gunns on board the Delygt  
To be Searched and their defects  
to be reported

Date stamped 19/AU

Also post marked 'PENY POST PAYD'

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To

M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup> Hooper storekeeper for the  
Office of Ordnance att  
Portsmouth

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M<sup>r</sup> J Hooper

By the remain of her Maj<sup>ties</sup>  
Shipp Delight w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>u</sup> sent up, 10 of the 14 Minions  
Gunns are said to be Honey Combed. We would have y<sup>u</sup>  
make a carefull survey of the same, to report to  
us whether they are fit for her Maj<sup>ties</sup> service or not.

Honey combed – inside surface  
of the barrel pitted by corrosion  
from powder.

Wee are

Your affectionate friends,

Wm Bridges

C Musgrave

Ja Craggs.

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On this letter we see the stamp of The Penny Post, established by William Dockwra (1635-1716) on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1680. It served London and an its suburbs within a ten mile area. However, clearly it also operated outside London at least as far as Portsmouth.