

P.S. I was always very much dissatisfied with the execution, if not with the resemblance, of the water-colour portrait sent home to you last year: and having met with an opportunity of having one taken in a better style in oil by the Artist attached to the Surveying Vessel. I have availed myself of it. The picture is nearly finished & promises well. I hope it will be ready for the "Middleman" next week. It is not, by the "General Hewitt" end of March.