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On Thursday last Mr. Vivian A. WEBBER, and Mr. Arthur FOWLES, had the honour of an interview with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and submitted a picture painted by Mr. FOWLES for the inspection of His Royal Highness. The Prince expressed his approval of the picture, which is a very beautiful work of art, and represents the arrival of His Royal Highness at Portsmouth in the Serapis, on his return from India. Our readers will remember that Mr. FOWLES painted a commission picture for Mr. Vivian WEBBER, in commemoration of the recovery of His Royal Highness from a dangerous illness. The latter great work now adorns the Town Hall of Newport. There seems to be an exquisite adaptation of all that talent and genius can conceive in the appropriateness of these excellent paintings, constituting as they do lasting memorials of events so auspicious in our national history.

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