

My Dear William, My intentions were to have wrote you a long letter when Sir Guy Carleton should set out to succeed to the Command of the Troops in North America but I have been disappointed in that as in many other things, all I can say is that the extraordinary change of Sentiments of the House of Commons soon prevented my Ministers from being able to remain in Office, and the strange state obliged Me even by the Advice of those as well as all others to form a Ministry out of those who have been for sixteen Years in avowed Opposition, how the whole of this has affected I need not say, to this is issuing the Removal of Lord Sandwich from the Board of Admiralty and the Appointment of Adm. Stuppel and a board of his friends. Your own good sense must point to you, that you can have but one line perfect silence on the Subject, if the change shall prove of utility to My Country I shall feel happy but I do not pretend to be sanguine on that head.

I am certain as I have approved of your conduct towards Great Admiral Digby and towards Mr. Majestic from this account, that you will pursue the same line of behaviour

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unhappy as I am in public life, I am certain your heart
will dictate to you that my Children are the more called
upon to give me comfort in my domestic life. I must say
Frederick seems sensible of that and seems to go on to my
eagerest wishes, I do not doubt you will also.

I hope you will soon get on float again for New
York cannot have been any advantage to your Naval
line I trust it will make you the more anxious for a
busy scene in the line of your Profession.

I need not add that you must show every kind of
respect to the new Commander of the Troops who will
deliver this to you, he is a very worthy Man and was
named before the great Change; but remember except
asking after your family. You must not seek information
of other home matters be silent and cautious these bad
times require it. believe me ever

Lucas House
March 31st 1782.

My Dear William
Your most Affectionate Father

Show this both to the
Admiral and to Mr. Majendie
as it will be the best means of your
being thoroughly directed how
to conduct yourself on this
delicate occasion. I must add

that I do not think I could have gone through the conflict had I not constantly
looked up to Heaven for assistance from whence I got strength to support it and feel
the rectitude of my conduct as well as intentions, may you always do the same G. B.

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