

My dearest William: The confirmation of Your total recovery by Your own letter gave both the King and me great satisfaction, and I am glad to find that Your natural good Spirits are also so well restored as to make ^{you} write so cheerfully.

There is however one paragraph in Your letter which gives me, if possible, even more pleasure than that of Your recovery, I mean that in which You mention the different feelings and struggles You perceived in leaving Home, and at parting with Mr. Nothing can be more Amiable and commendable in a Human mind than the attachment to one's Family, both Religion and Nature require it of Us, and it is one of the first ~~best~~ Christian principles instilled in a Young mind, as the beginning of fulfilling their Duty towards God, in paying regard to Obedience to our Parents. This I see You considered well when You say You went away reluctantly, but submitted to the King's will with cheerfulness. You have met with nothing in Your professing

lest that could set You against it; on the contrary I
with every advantage and encouragement possible; You
find Yourself under the command of an Officer who besides
being a very Religious and honest Man, is possessed of a very
amiable Character and Disposition of Temper, he loves You
and thinks of nothing so much, after pushing You in Your
profession, than to make Your Spirit Your Time happily
You have Mr. Majendie's kind and Friendly advice upon
every occasion, who loves You also very much, does You jus-
tice whenever an opportunity happens; but, like an honest
Man, is not blind to Your faults, and perfectly agrees with
the Admirals, Your Fleet also has been, last Year and
this, rather Fortunate; therefore I see every thing that
should make You delight up in Your profession; parti-
cularly as the Navy is one of the greatest supports of this
Country. and I know You so well, that whenever You give You
little spare time to think, You will glory in being one of the

members of that support. In Your situation You could not
choose better than You have done, a Prince, as well as the
rest of the World, is a Member of Society, and consequently
should try to be as useful as possible, that can never be
obtained, but by pursuing a regular plan in life, this You
do in perfecting Yourself in Your profession; in which You
should try to become all perfection, well considering that
the higher You reach the more the World will expect
from You; and therefore, I beseech You to endeavour, in
every thing You undertake, to do better than the rest of
the World. I love You so well, that I can not bear the idea
of Your being only mediocre. Perfection is the thing
that You should aim at. and that I know You will do, when
You are persuaded that it will make the King and myself
this happy.

The report of the King's being reconciled to his Bro.
there is true; it seems to give universal satisfaction in the

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public, but makes no difference in our way of living all the
see, the Duke of Cumberland comes to Court, and walks Sun-
days upon the Terrace. The Duke of Gloucester's bad state of
health will not permit him to do either.

I am glad to find that You feel a pleasure
in keeping company with Mary, Stafford and Legg,
as both are so amiable ^{and good} in their disposition. I hope
You will see the benefit arising from keeping good com-
pany, and set as good an example to Your Young compa-
nions as You can, for every body is always a ruin to
a Young Maid, but it particularly is the greatest proof
of pride a man can give.

In a short time You shall hear again from
me, the King sends his love to You, and so does the
rest of the Family, all at Eastbourne are well, Edward
learns to Swim and is delighted with this Amusement.

believe me, Dear William, Your very affectionate Mother

Charlotte

Henry
29th July 1780.