

Bath Sept. 19th 1783

Indeed, and in truth Prince William, I am much
flattered and obliged, by the very affectionate letter
your Royal Highness did me the honor to write
me on the 15th of last month, and as it travelled
to Portsmouth, and from thence followed me from
place to place, I did not receive it, until I came
here. The very kind manner Sir, in which you
are pleased to express yourself, respecting my
opinion & judgement, and to command my advice
I receive as the strongest mark of your Royal
Highnesses friendship and good liking; and I
cannot think myself better entitled to it, than
by giving my sentiments upon paper, with that
freedom & candour, I ever practiced in our
conversations on board the *Bur fleur*, which
your Royal Highness had the goodness very often
to thank me for. You have only Sir to think
a moment before you act, I know no one more
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able, and equal, to distinguish, right from wrong,
what will tend to your Royal Highnesses glory, and
advantage in life, and what to a contrary effect,
and if at any time Sir, your great vivacity and
spirits, joined to a strong desire you have to
please, should run away with you, your own
good sense, will immediately bring you back.
I am very confident, upon receiving a proper
hint from a friend, whom you are satisfied
can have no wish, but for your Royal Highnesses
interest, and such a friend, you are sure to
have at your elbow, either in general Bude
or Captain Merrick; and if you will condescend
Prince William, to have recourse to the letter I had
the honor to write you, by your Royal Highnesses
Command on our passage to England, and give
it due consideration, I flatter myself your
Royal Highness, may derive some advantage from
it. In your present happy situation Sir, you

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are out of the way of mean designing flatterers
which I think a very fortunate circumstance to your
Royal Highness, as men of that cast, are not only
injurious to youth, but a nuisance to society, and
your Royal Highness can never be too much guarded
against them. I know it is contrary to your nature
sir, to appear wanting in attention & politeness to
any one, but a flatterer should ever be suspected
and no man be admitted to share your Royal Highnesses
confidence, until he is found by experience, to be
justly entitled to that distinguished honor. It is
much easier, & better sir, to keep people at a proper
distance in the beginning, than to put them back
into that situation, after they have by fawning and
cringing introduced themselves to some degree
of familiarity

I do most sincerely congratulate
your Royal Highness, that you have so bright and
amiable, an example before you, for imitation
as Prince Frederick; never did a young Prince
stand

Stand higher in the estimation of mankind, or was
more universally beloved; your Royal Highness
must therefore feel a happiness beyond the reach
of words to express, that in treading in Prince
Frederick's steps, you are sure of preserving a path
that must lead to glory, and raise your Royal
Highness, to the admiration and respect of the world.
Now is the time Prince William, to perfect yourself
in that knowledge, necessary to the profession your
Royal Highness has chosen, and takes delight in, and
to make yourself qualified, to promote the honor of,
and give lustre to, your country; your aid, and
assistance, will I fear be stood in need of, and it is
to your Royal Highness I look, to see the glory of old
England restored to its former brilliancy
There is an old adage Sir, (and which I hope an
old man may be forgiven for using) 'that manner
make the man, and from your Royal Highnesses
great goodness, and attention to me upon all
occasions.

occasions, I trust Sir you will excuse my repeating what I have often recommended, that your Royal Highness will be very guarded, how you let an expression escape you, unbecoming your high birth and character. Not only the actions, but every word of a Prince are noticed, and remarked upon, I am therefore led to express my most sincere wish, that you will ever Sir, be tender, of an absent person and never turn any one present into ridicule we have all our little foibles, and though they do not correspond, with the polite well bred man, yet may be perfectly innocent & harmless, but no one likes to be held up as a Butt, and made a jest of, for the amusement of others, and notwithstanding it may excite laughter, and seem to be enjoyed by the company, the thinking part of it, will make their observations very unfavourable to your Royal Highness, and say, it will be our turn next; and was you to labour Prince William, for a mode

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of conduct to make yourself Enemies, you could not more effectually succeed, than by the practice, I take the liberty to guard you against

By the Victoria John Spitcher for Bremen, which was to sail the 16th instant from London, was sent a Tottle, address'd to Prince Frederick, and to the care of Daniel Tuckyer Esq: Your Royal Highnesses Agent at Bremen. I shall be happy to know it arrives safe, and in good order

I hope to be able to send the Malabar cook, and a very fine Tottle with him; a July Navy list, & the dimensions of the Navy, agreeable to the last establishment, your Royal Highness will I think receive by the next messenger.

The Letters I have now the honor to enclose were sent to the West Indies, and have been returned from thence, under cover to me.

I beg to trouble your Royal Highness to present

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my dutifull respects to Prince Frederick, Lady Anne
begs to offer hers to your Royal Highness

I have the honor to be, with the purest sentiments
of Attachment and respect

Sir

Your Royal Highnesses
most affectionate and
faithfull servant

Anne

Lord Howard