

His R. H. Prince William  
Prince George — 11. April 1781.

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Off Cape Spartel.  
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Sir,

By the date of this letter  
Your Majesty will see that we are at no great distance from  
Gibraltar. We have not yet met with the success of last year.  
However, I make no doubt, that if we were to meet with the  
Spanish Fleet, we should have a complete victory: for by all  
accounts they are said to have no more than a 32 Sail of the Line.  
If an English Squadron of 28 Sail of the Line, of which 3  
Decks, cannot beat 32 Spaniards, they ought not to see England  
again. The Fleet are in great health, & very desirous to meet  
their enemies, as those an English Fleet will ever be.

Since I have been on board this last time, I have begun Mecha-  
-nicks with Mr. Waddington. Everything else goes on as usual.

I beg Your Majesty will give my  
Duty to the Queen, & my love to all my Brothers & Sisters, &  
ever believe me,

Sir,

Your Majesty's Dutiful,  
and affectionate Son,  
William.