

Prince William  
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I have received your Majesties  
of 3. Sept: by which I am informed that I am to go with Lord Hood  
to the West Indies. Having from the moment of entering into my profession  
felt a desire of making a figure in it, I am so much the more obliged to  
such a tender Parent now in particular, when there is the greatest probability  
had of our falling in with Mons: de Vaudruil's Squadron on the  
passage to the West Indies.

As for promises, I shall make none, but will endeavour to behave as an  
Officer & a Prince, keeping always before my eyes the prospect of being  
one day or other a Glory to the nation, & a comfort to my Parents.

Mr. Majordie, who will have the honour of delivering this Letter into  
Your Majesty's hands, has been between 1788 years with me, & particu-  
larly for the last three years on board a ship. I trust you will provide for  
him, & I shall take it as a favour conferred on me by Your Majesty. The  
Admiral has thought proper to appoint the Hon. Capt. Kaper, a very  
deserving & very amiable young man to go with me. he has been lately taken  
& treated most inhumanely by the French. I hope Your Majesty will  
confer the rank of Post Captain upon him & give him an indemnification  
for his losses when taken.

I am,  
Sir

Your Majesty's most affectionate  
& most dutiful Son,  
William Henry