

Prince William
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Fort Royal
Barbadoes
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Sir,

I received Your Majesty's
Letters two days ago, which contain every thing, that a son can wish to
hear from a Father, he loves so tenderly: since ^{the} last Sept I had not
had a word from home, that my anxiety was very great, but it was
relieved by those very affectionate terms, in which you was pleased
to express your approbation of my conduct: this is the first time I have
had that pleasure of receiving a letter from Your Majesty, as from a
tender parent to his son grown up. You was likewise pleased to say
I should ^{not} return immediately, which is another mark of your great
affection: because it is my good fortune to have already served.

much of my six years abroad, that it was my wish to stay out till my
apprenticeship was completed.

As I have lately so fully writ to Your Majesty about my own affairs,
I shall only just add that Lord Hood is satisfied with my conduct.
Mr. Majordie has writ to me a long & affectionate letter, I was pleas'd
to hear that Your Majesty gave him a flattering reception & promis'd
to provide for him: I take a great interest in his welfare & hope
he will soon be rewarded for his many services to me.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most dutiful Son,

Wm Pitt