

Hanover.

July 23 1784.

Dear George,

I am much obliged to you for your friend's

letter of the 7th: it has put me out of apprehension concerning
 your health, particularly as Dalrymple has written me an ac-
 count of your late indisposition. Do, my dear brother, begin
 to take more care of yourself, for health is with difficulty lost,
 but, when lost, is irrecoverably gone: besides a person is but
 half a man, when his constitution is ruined: you may very likely
 be as old at thirty as you ought to be at sixty years of age.

As in your letter to me, you express a desire of hearing how I am situated
in this part of the world, I will now endeavour to do it in as
few words as possible. You may remember I told you, when I
set off for Germany, that it was likely Bude's should fall
out, as he never has enjoyed my confidence: the affair has hap-
pened, & we are now on such terms that must be very dis-
agreeable to both of us: he has acted or rather wished to act in
the same stile he did formerly: he was displeas'd if I went out
alone: he never soon cut him short, & have done exactly as
I liked his s^r, & in measures where I wanted advice, I have
always taken his s^r. Being thus situated with Bude,
& not being pleas'd with the stigmata way of the Germans, I
wished to return, not to stay in London, but to do my duty a-
gain at sea. Accordingly wrote to Lord Hood & expressed
my desire of his mentioning the matter to the King: his Lord-
ship declined as it would be a dangerous subject to speak to

This Majesty. Somehow or other it got to the royal ears, & I was
as informed my father did not approve of my coming home, nor of
the tricks I have played here, tho' God knows I have not play'd
half many. Do, my dear brother, I beseech you, consider how disagree-
ably I am situated in this damned country, & let me know your
advice. Will, mentioning it to the Secretaries good. Pretty qua-
lifications to be sure for any young war like me, smacking, play-
ing at two penny nest & weaving great thick boats. Oh! I wish
I was returned: England, England forever & the forty girls of
Westminster, at least such, as would not clap in for me sove-
reign, my time. I wish.
I saw by the papers George Fitzroy is married to Miss. Russell.
I hope he has done his duty like a man. My best complements
to Lady Anne & all their's. I will answer your next post. They
to be remembered to George Manger & I am sure, if all my
friends in general.

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Do, my dear Brother, I beseech you, consider how disagreeable
I am situated in this country, & whether it is not possible for me
return to sea next autumn; I must trouble you with an
other request not to forget me, when the quarterly messengers
turn, but not too expensively as my money matters are not
the most flourishing state. And this letter I have only been
putting myself, by the next courier I shall damage the
care of writing about yourself; if you find I have not been
- it may be ~~of~~ ~~some~~ ~~word~~ I will write a more
try account of the whole.

I am,

Dear George,

Your most affectionate Brother
and most sincere Friend,

J. W. M.

The Duke of Clarence
July 23. 1784