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I arrived at Martin's house at ten in the morning: immediately after break-  
fast I retired with the girl & her mother: everything that happened dur-  
ing my absence pleases her affection for me: neither of us in dispute  
where I took leave of her. I embarked at twelve o'clock immediately.  
We had a severe gale of wind on the Wednesday, which made it neces-  
sary to take shelter in journey roads: however we remained four &  
twenty hours. The Governor asked me to dine with him: we sat down  
thirty people: few got up sober, for we were at the table 6. We  
were here a half. I am surpris'd I was not drunk. There is  
no wonder that the people in this island drink, for their wine is  
unusually good & they don't pay duty for it. They are remarka-  
bly loyal & very a vast number of very good singers in English &  
French. As for their manner, I had not time to see any of them, I am

t. & they are pretty. We are this moment arriv'd in Plymouth sound, so that  
I cannot give you any account of this place. America is my destination.  
I know not what character I can be. I am a private. I am still a Lieutenant.  
I don't know how I am to be promoted. God only knows  
his reason. I have almost a mind to quit the service, my only induc-  
ment to remain is money matter. They allow me so little that I  
don't know how to make both ends meet. The fifty pound I get  
is a mere trifle. Was I to resign my commission, where could  
I live. You are as much distressed as I am. I am what is to become  
of a young man of one & twenty years old, who has neither profes-  
sion nor money. A pretty situation indeed. add to all this a  
king's son. What shall I do. I don't know how the service is a hard thing after  
having laboured seven long years. I'll go for three years on a foreign

station with a man. P. M. H. is by no means an agreeable  
tration. Give my respects to Mr. P. I will try to hurry him. I have letters  
prepared to send Home with my resignation

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I beg to be remembered to Mr. P. your obedient servant

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*

P. S. Bad weather & contrary winds having detained us in Torbay, I take  
this opportunity of filling up this sheet. I have wrote a long letter to the King  
in which I have expressed my wish for promotion & presented that the  
Lord Howe had given him false account about my conduct & that  
it was his and his plan to keep me back as long as he could. I am  
very unhappy; every thing goes against me. I have been obliged to leave the  
girl Padon; my father will not allow me to live with the brother. I am  
in intimate friendship with & he does not even show me common justice

Friedrich, who is only two years older than I am, has a regiment of Guards & is a  
 Lieutenant General; besides this he has been allowed 5000 <sup>£</sup> per since he has been in  
 Germany. The difference you are so well acquainted with, I will not mention  
 it: but I feel it most sensibly. <sup>1704</sup> Your situation as well as mine are both very  
 unpleasant: I don't even see where, how, or when the case will alter: you  
 are as ill with your father as possible; I shall soon be upon the same foot-  
 ing, if not worse: The only consolation I have is in your friendship. I have  
 since my father's banishment find it necessary to leave it, I am sure you  
 will always be pleased to receive me. I see there is at some times over my  
 head which must soon burst. I in all I regret: taking leave of her was a  
 thing, perhaps forever. I may never see her again. Oh had I been in  
 situation; I would have done as he has done: then I should have been happy  
 to be banish'd to America, not what I wish; my friends & connections are  
 there for me: during the bloom of youth I am not allowed to enjoy myself  
 like any other person of my age. I will not at present say any thing  
 more about it. Believe me to be sincerely attached to you & to all your con-  
 cerns forever. I beg you may be let us meet again to the next opportunity & that  
 Feb. 10. 1704 of mind thro' our miseries in both worlds but parted.

Duke of Clarence  
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