

Dear Brother,

Since Platt wrote, Schomberg wrote to me

desiring to beg my pardon and to have his letter requesting the

Court Martial recalled; I answered him the matter had now gone so

far that I was determined to carry the affair in the King's that desire

from a Lieutenant to his Captain would be severely punished.

I had another strong motive, which is the strong suspicion Mr.

Hope the third Lieutenant labour under in my opinion encouraging

Schomberg to take the improper steps he has. I was almost positive

proof of Hope's guilt. I however would not proceed on Schomberg's

Court Martial as to enable me to form my judgment in Hope whether a

Court Martial can investigate the matter or I shall be obliged to refer to
the Admiralty: at all events when the business is concluded, it will be pro-

-per for me to enclose the particulars, which I have and shall collect

into a narrative, for their Lordships information: whatever steps I may

take you shall be the first person informed, for which purpose I have

enclosed the continuation of the narrative: the more I consider the mat-

ter, the more I am in my own mind convinced my conduct has been

throughout officerlike.

By the last packet I received a letter from Nathan, in which he complains

most sensibly of my drawing on him before my allowance is due, and like-

-wise that as I draw for the whole the tender men cannot be paid: I am

-sured him I would no more draw before it should be due, and that the next

first sight 3000 sams a large sum it was by experience rather by impossibility

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for me to live on that stipend. I well know the difficulty of persuading
the King that my allowance is too small, yet to have my bills protested
is to a man of honor as. I hope I am a most worthy and diligent useful
thing, and how ridiculous it is for at the end he must pay the debts
else they must remain unpaid.

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Edmundstone wrote to me by the last packet from Ireland if I have some
time to answer him, tell him his letter is safe arrived, and I will answer
him whenever it is in my power: as for news, we have none in this part of
the world, except that the Prudent, Brigadier and Duke are with the
-gland, and that we are anxious by looking out for another man of
war to begin on the Coast of Portugal, where I have some what stock
I am afraid you have forgot to send me the answer you promised, which
I beg you will forward. By the packet I have taken the liberty of



committing to the care of the Captain six dozen of Hays purchased & these
 -nique, which I beg you will accept as I have every reason to believe it
 to be very fine and genuine, & should the weather become fine, I shall
 send you a couple of fat turkeys.

Dear

I am,

March 15. 1707.

Your's sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

R. R. H. M. Duke
 of Clarence

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