

The day after I received the letter, a messenger brought me
my orders to proceed to the north and there wait for foreign
service, and likewise a letter from Lord Howe signifying that
I was to return abroad and explore our colonies. I have applied
to the King through his Lordship for a larger ship, which
I sincerely hope to get as the one I now command is really too
small for my purpose: in a few days I shall write myself
and enter for my money matters, and shall enforce the
business by a strong and real argument, which is that
if my allowance is not more extended it will be utterly
impossible for me to return abroad: had I continued
on foreign service I should not have disliked it, but I
do not much relish the going out again: however I am
determined never to return to our land therefore was it
hard to me to remain at home I would still go abroad,
I shall send you a copy of my letter to the King and shall

inform you of any steps before I take them with respect
to my asking for leave of absence I shall be guided by
what I hear from the King and your determination
on the subject: as for myself I shall embrace the earliest
opportunity of visiting you, but we both well know
that I never yet have been permitted to visit you; there-
fore I am very anxious to go with a certain

that my Christmas box or new year's gift will be a
family lecture for immorality, vice, dissipation,
and expence and that I shall meet with the applica-
tion of the prodigal son: the number of late years
I have met with from a certain quarter has been
so different from what I observe in other families that
those disorders and vices have been considerably less
out: I never have been able to find out them so true that

have attended him: our two other brothers have been dis-
tinguished by very particular marks of favour: and
I have no need of flattery nor putting ourselves
in necessity.

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The few days I have passed in Ireland make me
regret my departure: the treatment I have met with
has been such as I should be very grateful to the high-
est degree were I to forget it. Lords Shannon, Devereux
and Grandison were particular, in their attention to me.
In short all ranks and orders were equally desirous of
being polite.

I have received a letter from Lord Hood, in which he informs
me that Schomberg is with him as his first Lieutenant: I
must confess considering the intimacy that has subsisted be-
tween his Lordship and myself, I am not a little hurt at this

has publicly supporting & honoring: I know from the begin-
ning of the business that Lord Hood had disapproved of
my conduct throughout this unpleasant affair; but I never
could have suspected that his Lordship would have so soon
in so public a manner have marked his disapprobation

I am this instant arrived and in
the course of very few days either you or I shall hear
from me that assured I shall be ready to do before that
any step, and ever believe me,

Your most affectionate Brother

London 27. 11. 1787

[Signature]

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