

Valiant

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September 13 1790.

Sir,

I have the honour to acquaint
 Your Majesty of my safe arrival in this port with the
 Valiant. I will not detain Your Majesty by giving an
 account of the fleet as my Lord Howe will of course state
 the particulars in a more circumstantial manner than
 I could give my private situation in the squadron. I
 have only to add that on board my own ship no accident
 has happened and that I have every reason to be perfectly
 satisfied with the officers and men.

The very marked and uniform politeness I have experienced
from Lord Howe call for the very warmest acknowledgments.
I always respected his Lordship as a very high and experienced
officer before I had the honour of being under his command,
and every act of his Lordship has increased my veneration for
him: his Lordship was pleased to express his approbation
of the conduct of the Valiant in a such a manner, as to
make me exceedingly happy: and if the ship was some-
what as to merit the approbation of so good a judge,
I must in justice say I had very assistance from the
Officers and more particularly from Mr. Boyer the
first Lieutenant: I fully conceived an of their attention
that had the fate of this country, and Spain was, I should
have conducted the Valiant in the action with the greatest

confidence, more particularly when led and commanded
by so experienced an officer as the Earl Howe.

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I am,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
and most devoted Son and Subject

[Signature]
Wm. Pitt

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Prinz Wilhelm

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