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As my Dear & Beloved Son Prince William is on Monday to join Rear Admiral Digby, under whom he is to learn whatever relates to the Naval Profession; I have thought it ^{proper} ~~reasonable~~ that the Rev^d Mr. Majendie should attend him, that he may pursue, when not employed in the business of his Profession, in ~~attaining~~ those branches of knowledge which are essential to every Gentleman, but more so to those in the conspicuous Station it hath pleased the Almighty to place him.

It is very natural that Mr. Majendie from his natural modesty ^{might} should feel anxious on entering into a new scene of Life, ~~and that he~~ ^{to be informed how he} ought to conduct himself. Major General de Bueki is therefore empowered to acquaint him

1. That what I have most at heart is that he should take every proper opportunity of instructing my Dear & Beloved Son Prince William in the Christian Religion, to inculcate the habitual reading of the Holy Scriptures, and to accompany these with Moral reflections that may counteract the evil he may have but too many opportunities of hearing.
2. ^{That he is} To pursue the study of the Latin Language, as I am very desirous he should not only ^{read} ~~study~~ it with care but take the beauties of that Language

That he is to peruse compositions in English
 3^o The composing in English that he
 may acquire a facility in writing his
 letters of a degree of Elegance which my other
 native language, and others a degree
 of Elegance which should not be
 looked upon as essential to the
 Character of a Gentleman; the letters
 of my dear & beloved son
 to his relations cannot at his early
 age contain much of a description
 therefore it may be proper that in
 the beginning ^{for} Mr. Majendie ^{in the}
 should ^{beginning to} correct the ^{orthography} ~~orthography~~ and perhaps
 the style, though the sentiments
 should not be on any account altered

4^o That the Study of the English
 History will be a pleasant as well as
 useful occupation, Mr. Majendie
 should in his first course merely
 teach him the facts and omit
 much of Political Reasoning that
 will ^{rather} ~~rather~~ more effect & heat his
 mind is more enlightened.

5^o That translating from Latin and
 English into French will be the
 easiest and best method of acquiring
 a language now become so universal
 Mr. Majendie should as much as
 possible converse ^{with} him in that
 language, as it will be the only
 means which at sea of not losing
 the practice, and all books of
 recreation ought to be in that
 language, as that will be one of
 the most pleasing means of learning
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the language, and at the same time
there are more books of that kind void
of evil than in his native tongue.

6. Mr Majendie will take every opportunity
of ^{to try that he is possessed in} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~conversations~~ when alone the ~~only~~ ^{only} ~~words~~
he has remarked in his ~~personal~~ ^{personal} ~~conduct~~
and how much I shall ~~expect to find~~ ^{be mortified}
him when he returns from sea, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{of} ~~little~~ ^{of} ~~tricks~~ ^{of} ~~and~~ ^{of} ~~sadness~~ ^{of} ~~that~~
~~he is now arrived at.~~ ^{of} ~~he~~ ^{of} ~~is~~ ^{of} ~~now~~ ^{of} ~~arrived~~ ^{of} ~~at.~~

7. Mr Majendie will pursue the
Instructions at every opportunity
which may occur when my ~~dearly~~ ^{dearly}
Beloved Son P. William is not
either employed in the Theoretical
or Practical branches of his Profession

~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~frequency~~ ~~of~~ ~~them~~ ~~that~~ ~~much~~ ~~information~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~acquired~~;
Should my Son attempt to avoid
his lessons; ~~any~~ ~~Application~~ ~~for~~
Mr Majendie to Rear Admiral
Dight to enforce the necessity of
attending to his studies with an
certain meet with the fullest
support.

8. Mr Majendie is to omit no
opportunity of corresponding with
Major General de Bude that I may
be kept constantly informed how
the ~~instructions~~ ^{instructions} are followed.

There may not be opportunity
for long lessons

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part of instructions
to Major Genl. de Borda
on my death to be shown
to Mr. de Borda
Nov. 11. 1779.