

A. No. to Pee. Hilliam

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Dear William, You are now launching into a Scene of life, where You may either prove an Honour, or a Disgrace to Your Family; it would be very unbecoming of the love I have for my Children, if I did not at this serious moment give You Advice how to conduct Yourself; had I taken the common method of doing it in Conversation, it would soon have been forgot: I therefore prefer this mode, as I trust You will frequently peruse this, as it is dictated from no other motive, than the anxious feelings of a Parent that his Child may be happy, and deserve the approbation of Men of Worth and Integrity.

It is highly necessary for every rational Being never to lose sight of the certainty that every thought as well as action is known to the Allwise Disposer of the ^{universe,} ~~creation,~~ and that no solid comfort even in this World can ^{exist} ~~subsist~~ without a firm reliance on His protection, and ^{on His favour to} ~~that~~ shield us from misfortunes, but these reflections are still more necessary to be foremost in the Minds of those at sea, who naturally are exposed to perils ^{peculiar to that Element.} ~~not known as these.~~ Therefore I strongly recommend the ^{habitual} ~~regular~~ reading the Holy Scriptures and Your
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more and more placing that reliance in the Divine Creator, which is the ^{only real} ~~substantial~~ means of obtaining that Peace of mind which alone can fit a man for arduous undertakings.

Remember you are not quitting Home, where it has been the object of those who were placed about you to correct your faults, ^{yet} ~~and also~~ to keep them out of the sight of the World; now ^{you are} entering into a Society of above two hundred Persons, who will ~~be~~ ^{are} watching every step you take, will make their remarks freely, and communicate them to the whole Fleet; thus what would I hope have been cured, must now be instantly avoided, or will be forever remembered to your disadvantage.

Though when at home a Prince, on board the Prince George you are only a Boy learning the Naval Profession, but the Prince so far accompanies you, that what other Boys might do, you must not; It must never be out of your thoughts that more Obedience is necessary from you to your Superiors in the Navy, more Politeness to your Equals, and ^{more} good nature to your Inferiors, than from those who have not been told that these are essential for a Gentleman. ^{Mr Major die} ~~will be~~ ~~you to continue the Mode of Education thought proper, you must consequently undergo pains, and by your improvement~~ ~~your family that you may~~ ~~encourage me to continue you in the Naval Profession.~~ The Admiral will direct what ^{regards} ~~belongs~~ to the theoretical as well

will as Practical parts of the Profession; I trust you will take every kind of pains to advance in them.

I shall now only add that after the pains Major Genl de Bude has taken with you, I trust you will feel how much he has your interest at heart, and therefore that you will treasure up in your mind the advice he will give you during the Journey, and that you will so conduct yourself ~~whilst at home that your Parents~~ ~~that~~ may receive you with pleasure ~~when~~ ^{upon} your return, and that the General may feel that he can with credit continue ^{his care} ~~to attend~~ ~~on~~ you whilst on shore.

The Queen has desired me to add every expression of tenderness in Her name, and believe me ever

Dear William
Your very affectionate Father

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