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To Prince William
September 4. 1774

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Dear William

~~I had with going to Portsmouth to see~~
~~my ~~brother~~ Fleet has ever comforted Provisions~~
~~water, and even to see the time will permit; I take~~
the opportunity, ^{of your departure} to ~~just~~ ^{express} that the Queen
and we are very happy at having as yet had
such good accounts of your behaviour; the letter
you wrote to M. Gen. Boudi does you honour, to
owne faults is ever a very commendable part,
if followed by a correction of conduct. I pray sincerely
for your welfare and hope soon to hear the
Combined Fleet has met with that success
which I am certain every man on board that
under the command of Sir Charles Hardy shall
~~be~~ ^{be} ^{an} ^{instrument} in so desirable an event.
believe me ever

Dear William
Your most affectionate
Father George R.

[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is illegible due to fading and bleed-through.]