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to Rear Adm. Digby

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Rear Admiral Digby, As it may be some time before my son
can return to His Parents, it is very natural to wish to have
some fuller account of Him than can possibly be conveyed
in a letter; I have therefore directed Major General de Bude
to go to Spithead, where He will be able to see Him, and
from conversations with You be able more fully to answer
those questions which cannot but be interesting to His
Relations; at the same time it will enable the General
to learn more exactly Your ideas of what branches of
knowledge should be most pursued during the time
You may judge right to leave Him in London; for
I here repeat it, that as I have the fullest confidence in
You, I shall not think of letting Him leave Your ship,
nor stay when returned to His family one hour longer,
than shall appear to You both proper and advantageous
for Him.

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