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to my Dear & beloved Son  
Prince William  
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Dear William, You cannot be surprised that your Parents are anxious after an absence of near six months to be as fully as possible informed of the various improvements that may reasonably be expected to be found in you, in such a space of time; besides you naturally may have some curiosity to hear some Account of all your family, in consequence of which, I have directed Major Gen. de Bude to go to Spithead to see you, whose report if favourable will give the greatest satisfaction to

Dear William  
Your most Affectionate Father

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