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Prince George
Gibraltar Bay

Sir

As I imagine the Express sent by
Sir G. Rodney has not been able to pass the
Streights, and as I find another is this moment
going (for which Prince William is not quite
prepared) I think it my duty to inform your
Majesty that his Royal Highness is perfectly
well and that he continues as I wd wish him.
He was much pleased at our success in taking
the Spanish Caracca Convoy off Cape Finisterre
& not less so when we met wth the Spanish
Fleet, of which six were taken & one blown
up. Tho I cannot brag of the Prince George
sailing, we had the good Fortune to pick
up one of the crippled Ships who fired but
very little before she struck & only kill'd

one man & wounded three. However it
was enough to satisfy me wth respect to
his Royal Highness's alertness & reading
upon such an occasion. She proved
to be the St. Julien of 70 guns & is said
to have driven on shore near Cadix, but fortun-
ately I hear my Officer & men are
saved. Prince William not expecting
the Frigate wd sail before morning has
not finish'd his letters, and I think
of consequence not to detain the copy
tho S^r Geo. Rodney has order'd it to
wait.

Your Maj^{ty}'s very faithful
& very dutifull Serv^t

Feb: 4th 1780
at 12 at night

Wm. Fitzroy