

In Saul Hood (Forbes vol. IV p 346)

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Portsmouth Dock yard May 29th 1779

Sir

I want words to express how much I feel myself honor'd by your Majesty's condescending goodness in writing me the letter of the 27th.

Prince Williams's baggage shall be received, taken care of, and the bedding kept aired, till Rear Admiral Digby wishes to have it on board.

I hope you will forgive my presumption Sir, in entreating your Majesty will be pleased to permit me the honor of receiving your amiable Son, in the Dock yard, on his arrival at Portsmouth, and of conducting His Royal Highness to the Prince George whenever His Admiral desires him to embark.

The appointment of a new Builder here, is a proof how much the Earl of Sandwich attends to

your

your Majesty's Interest, as from what I have already
seen of Mr. White, he is very active, full of Zeal &
Attention, and perfect master of his Business.

I am exceedingly flattered and happy, by your
Majesty's most gracious approbation of my conduct
and I most humbly entreat you will be assured
Sir, that I embrace every opportunity of exerting
my poor abilities for the honor and advantage
of your Majesty's Service

I cannot help flattering myself, that your
Majesty will soon receive glorious news from
the West Indies, and I look forward with eager
and pleasing expectation, that your Majesty's
Fleet now at sea, under the command of our
Admiral Darby will return victorious to Spithead
as we believe here, The French have a Squadron

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Your Majesty's

most dutifull, and
ever gratefull Servant

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To. Hon. Lord.
Aug 29. 1799