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Extract of a letter from
Bristol relat. the arrival
of the Leeward Island Fleet &c

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Dated July 30.

I have the pleasure to inform you that
our Leeward Island fleet is just arrived all safe;
They left the London ships Wednesday evening
four o'clock all well, off Scilly, not having lost
a single ship on the passage, they came
under convoy of the 5th Albans & Isis men
of war; Admiral Byron with his whole
fleet were at 5th Rocks, & sail'd with them
having given out that he intended to see
them as far as the island of Bermudas;
D'Estaing gave out that as soon as
they were sail'd, he would attack the

Island of Barbadaes; Admiral Byson
with his fleet left them the second day
after they sail'd, & from the course they
steer'd, they imagined his sailing with
them was only a feint to draw the
French Fleet out; The Supply sloop of
war caught fire by accident the evening
they sail'd from St Kitts & is destroy'd, the
people sav'd.

News is also that the Liverpool
ships are arriv'd.