

Sir Samuel Hood 15<sup>th</sup> & Gen. de Buedi  
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Accept my dear General my most unfeigned  
Thanks, for the great honor you have done me,  
in the very friendly part, you so kindly took  
in my behalf; and be assured I feel most  
gratefully, and as I ought, His Majesty's most  
gracious intentions towards me, when a fitt  
opportunity offers; till that period arrives, I will  
be perfectly patient; and trust I shall prove  
myself not altogether unworthy of His royal  
favour, by my zeal for the honor & dignity of  
His Majesty's service, in the department I now am.

Your advice my dear Sir, is wholesome  
seasonable & sound, and I shall pay most  
strict

strict attention to it. My conduct shall ever  
be truly consistent, and however much I may  
feel, from a want of that attention in the first  
Lord of the Admiralty, my rank & services give  
me a claim to, neither that, or any other consi-  
deration, can ever make me swerve in the least  
from the line of my duty, or lose sight of that  
zeal and ardent love, I have ever professed  
for the interest of His Majesty's Government,  
and which, happen what may, I will never be  
wanting in

Lady Hood, offers you her best compliments &  
I entreat you will do me the honor to  
believe that I am with every sentiment of respect  
and esteem

my dear General

your most faithfull and  
much obliged humble servant

J. M. Hood