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Amsterdam May 13th 1782 ^m 30/10. P.H.
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Sir

I call'd on Lord Kepple in my way
out of Town. He assur'd me positively
that he had not seen a single private
Letter from the West Indies - The Fact
is, that there are several, which
accuse Sir George Rodney in the

strongest Terms for not pursuing the
 Enemy the day following the Action, I have
 and I have great reason to believe,
 it is the general opinion of the Fleet
 that a great deal more might have
 been done. On the other hand I have
 seen private Letters of Sir George
 Rodney's, full of the most extraordi-
 nary Bombast, and condemning Sir
 Samuel Hood for his conduct before
 St. Christophers - I trust Your Majesty

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the will do me the Justice to believe that
honour, I have no pleasure in conveying all
we, nature's parhensons to your Majesty,
but I shall always think it my Du-
ty to say Truth before you. Lord
have Kepple is anxious however that your
Majesty should confer some imme-
diate and considerable mark of
Favour on Sir George Rodney. He re-
peated what I had the honour to
mention to your Majesty his Inclination

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to propose to your Majesty the creation
of a Naval Order of Merit, an Idea
which I combated a good deal, and
endeavour'd to convince him of its
being at present an ill tim'd Measure
I spoke to him at the same time of
the Indispensable necessity of taking
some Notice of Sir Samuel Hood, whom
he acknowledg'd after some diffi-
culty of his Merit and Conduct. I
found upon the whole his mind

went to the proposing a Peerage for
Sir George Rodney, an Irish Peerage
for Sir Samuel Hood, and that Ad-
miral Drake and Commodore Af-
fleck should be created Barons.
If your Majesty agreed to a promo-
tion of Admirals, His Idea would
be to give the manner to Captains
Leveson & Jervis, leaving the remaining
one between Captains Allan Fotherer
and Fielding, with an Inclination

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to prefer Captain Ingham, which and
he seem'd to think might be agree- argu-
able to your Majesty, and in the for m
mean time to accept Your Majesty's ar a
gracious Offer of a Red Ribbon - jesty
for Captain Jervis. I presume to move
mention this which pass'd as con- pers
-versation, without any reference what woul
-ever on my part to Your Majesty - I ty to
desir'd him to talk to Lord Rockingham Rodn
about Sir George Rodney between this of br

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and Tuesday, when I am to see him
again, and when it will be easy
for me to give the above proposed
arrangements any form Your Ma-
jesty may choose, by giving them
more or less encouragement. I am
persuaded a Majority of the Cabinet
would be for advising Your Majesty
to conferr a Peerage on Sir George
Rodney, to meet the Publick Impression
of his Success. Lord Keppel likewise

proposes that the Thanks of both
Houses should be given him, which
he apprehends, if not done by some
of your Majesty's servants will be
propos'd from some other quarter.

I have the Honour to be with
the highest Respect

Your Majesty's
most Dutyfull Subject
and Faithfull Servant

Streatham

19 - May 1702
½ past ten P. M.

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