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It is the natural object of a Parent eagerly to desire that his Children may distinguish themselves, in whatever Profession their Inclination, and his Reflection, may judge right to place them. In the Navy an early introduction is necessary, to gain the habits of a style of life, so different from any other: I have therefore thought it proper to send my Dearly Beloved Son Prince William, at so early an age, to make his first trial of the Naval Profession; and I have thought it proper to entrust him to your care, from a thorough opinion of your skill in that Profession, as well as of the Worth of your Personal Character.

I should have been inclined not to give you any Instructions on this occasion, had I not perceived how much you felt the greatness of the trust reposed in you, and therefore concluded that these may be an alleviation to your mind.

1. My Dearly Beloved Son Prince William shall on my receiving notice of the Prince George being compleatly ready for sea be conducted by Major General de Bude to Portsmouth and be delivered to you at Spithead.

2. You will without loss of time direct the mode in which he is to be taught the Theoretical as well as Practical part of his Profession, as I am very

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desirous He may in time become an
expert Navigator.

3. You will direct His being kept
exactly to the performance of every Duty
of the Station in which He is placed,
and without any indulgence not
shewn to others.

4. You will be particularly attentive,
that a proper Lieutenant be on Duty
during His Watch, that You may be
very exactly informed how He has
conducted Himself.

5. You will be very careful that on
all occasions He may shew a due
Obedience to those above Him, and
that He may conduct Himself with
politeness to His equals, and humanity
to His inferiors.

6. You will direct Him to be treated
with civility, but no visible marks of
respect, as such You will have it
understood that it is not my
pleasure that He should receive
any Visits, and He is to make none,
but at any times You wish to shew Him
any Ship He may attend You.

7. He is not to dine on board
other Ships except that of the
Commander in Chief, which will of
course be seldom.

8. When You shall judge it proper
to send Him to sail in any small

vessel

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Viewed as a better means of learning the
Art of Navigation, you will be careful
to appoint a Lieutenant to go with Him,
who will exactly follow the mode of
conduct you have established.

9. The same rule to be followed
when you think it proper that He
should practice swimming.

10. You will never let Him go on
shore but when you can accompany
Him.

11. As I wish the other branches of
His Education may not be neglected,
I have directed the Rev. Mr. Majordie
to attend Him for the pursuit of his
Studies, and have ordered such books
to be taken, as I think necessary for
that purpose; I trust you will see
that sufficient hours are allotted
for that purpose, and that you will
on all occasions inculcate to my
dearly beloved son, how much
more is expected of him both
in the Profession he is now
entering into, and in every branch
of knowledge becoming a Gentleman,
than from persons who have not had
the advantages he may have of
Education.

12. I trust you will from time to
time by Letter address'd unto Me,
report how he conducts Himself, and
what improvement he makes in
Nautical Knowledge.