

Copy of a Letter from
R. A. Sir Sam. Hood. to
R. A. Graves th 10 Sept. 1701.
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[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]

Bayflour at Sea, September
the 10. 1781.

Sir

I flatter myself you will forgive
the liberty I take in asking whether
you have any knowledge where the
French fleet is, as we can see nothing
of it from the Bayflour.

By the prep of Sail DeGrasse
carried yesterday (and he must even
have done the same the preceding
night, by being where he was at Day
light) I am inclined to think
his aim is the Chesapeak, in order
to be strengthened by the Ships there,
either by adding them to his present
force, or by exchanging his disabled
Ships for them: admitting that to be
his plan, will he not cut off the
Frigates you have sent to reconnoiter,
as well as the Ships you expect from
New York; and if he should enter
the Bay, which is by no means —
improbable

Dear Admiral Graves &c. &c. &c.

improbable, will he not succeed in giving
most effectual succour to the Rebels.

I trust you will pardon the offer
of my humble Sentiments, as they are
occasioned by what passed between us,
when I had the honor of attending your
summons on board the London on
the 8th in the evening.

I am Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) Sam^l. Hood.

(A Copy)