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Dear Sir                      formidable Tuesday eve 9<sup>th</sup> April 1782

Your publick letter I will answer to morrow -  
I can only say now, that after the very great fatigue  
you have undergone, which I must own has been  
attended with the greatest honor, I am glad to hear  
your health has not suffered - It will never do,  
without we can contrive to gett the wind of the Enemy  
they will always continue to keep us at arms length

I am sorry you have lost so many Petty  
Officers - my loss the best Lieut I had, killed, and  
six men, besides wounded; except the two Rear  
Ships, the others fired at such a distance, that I  
returned none - I propose from the situation of  
some ships, and the almost impossibility of bringing  
the Enemy to action, till we gett them from the  
Islands, to lay too this night, to give time for repairs,  
and to look into Guadalupe tomorrow, and if  
the Enemy are there; to be at the appointed  
rendezvous before them, as I have always the highest  
Opinion of your judgement, favour me with it  
at this critical moment

Yours &c

J B Rodney

+ Sir James Hood's Art.  
to appoint Sir James Cap. Payne  
of the Alpeda was killed

Copy James Hood.

Dear Sir

Basseterre St Dominique Cadm April 10<sup>th</sup> 1782

You do me great honor in holding my judgements in that estimation, as to request my sentiments in the present critical moment, which I will give, with that sincerity and candour, I have always prided myself to do; whenever you have condescended to express a wish to know them; and if I have appeared at anytime to have improperly obtained them, I trust you will believe that Zeal alone for the Service of my King & Country, led me to do it.

De Grape will certainly avoid you all he can and when you do not know where he is, you will in my humble opinion be perfectly right, to push for the Enemy's appointed Rendezvous, but while you can keep him in sight, or know that he is not gone to Seaward, I think you can on no account quit him; and will I imagine keep your Fleet collected as much as possible, and await yourself of every opportunity of getting to windward.

The Ships of the Enemy's Fleet had under Convoy anchored

at

at St. Pierre Guadeloupe with some frigates, which should  
be closely watched

When you are informed of the state of the  
Alfred, you may probably think it right to send her  
to Jamaica, but if her masts can be secured, those  
ships which did not engage yesterday, will be able to  
supply her, with powder & shot - I did not suffer a  
gun to be fired from the Marlborough, for twenty minutes  
after the Alfred began, and I think Cap<sup>t</sup>. Payne was  
exceedingly reprehensible, for presuming to fire, before  
the signal for battle was hoisted on board the Admiral  
of his Division - your very handsome approbation  
of my conduct is very flattering to me, and which  
I shall upon all occasions be studious to merit.

I have the honor to be &c

Jam<sup>s</sup> Rodney

Lieut<sup>nt</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Rodney Barb. H<sup>l</sup>. B<sup>th</sup>. de R<sup>o</sup> de G<sup>o</sup>

My dear Sir

Formidable Wednesday eve 10<sup>th</sup> April 1782

Many thanks for your kind advice, you may perceive my opinion coincides with yours by our endeavours today, I have ordered Mr Drake to be with a plain sail tonight, but I perceive de Grape is unwilling to decide the affair in these seas.

I am sorry for Boyse, but own I was hurt, at seeing him fire at such a distance, poor fellow he is gone, and as I promised Capt. Symons the first ship that became vacant, he must have the Alfred and Lord Cranston the Formidable - Bouchier you may be sure shall soon be post, but Vashon must be before him - It gives me real pleasure to hear, by Bouchier, that the great fatigue you have undergone has not injured your health may you long continue to enjoy it, is the sincere wish of my dear friend

Yours most affectionately

G. Rodney

Sir Samuel Hood Bart.

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Samuel Hood

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my dear Sir      Portsmouth April 11<sup>th</sup>. 1752

My only reason for desiring you & your Squadron may  
change Stations, with Mr. Drake & his, was from their having  
suffered so much in the action on the 9<sup>th</sup>. and to give  
you & them time, to put in repair - but depend upon it  
the moment you wish to have those Directions altered  
it shall be done - I propose to make moderate sail  
in the order of sailing this night, we can easily form  
from that -

Yours affectionately

J. B. Rodney

Copy Samr. Hoody

Sir Samuel Wood Bart.

My dear Sir George      Barbours April 11<sup>th</sup>. 1752

My first and greatest wish is to comply with yours  
whatever disposition you think right to make  
respecting my Division, will be most readily and  
cheerfully ~~to~~ acquiesced in, by me. - The good of  
the Kings Service will always be a primary consideration  
with me, no other can ever stand in competition with  
it

I have the honor to be &c

Samr. Hoody

Sir J. B. Rodney Bart. H. B. L. L. &c

London April 12<sup>th</sup> 1782

Many thanks my dear friend for your very kind  
congratulations - It is with the sincerest truth, that  
I must with great justice acknowledge, that I am  
indebted to your very gallant behaviour, that we  
have been so successfull, you have a right and  
may demand, whatever officers you chuse for  
preferment, either as Captains or Lieutenants.

I had wrote my letter on our first rencounter  
wherein I had done you every justice to our  
brave master, today must add greatly to it  
and I am sure, there cannot be anything, but  
you may expect from his goodness, God bless you  
alwin, and be assured I am

Yours most affectionately

Jam: Wood

Sir G B Rodney Bart. R. B. <sup>th</sup>