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Barfleur off the Havana August 5th 1782

My dear General

We got off this port a few hours ago, and while the fleet is laying too for the Jupiter & Enterprize to reconnoiter the harbour, I availed myself of the opportunity of making my first visit to the Commander in Chief, and of returning those of Sir Samuel Drake and Sir Edmund Affleck, and on my getting back to the Barfleur, I received a note from Admiral Pigot to inform me, that the Captains Paisley & Payne, saw seventeen sail of men of war, in all appearance ready for sea, eleven or twelve of which they were very sure to be of the Line; - so that Solano must have retreated hither from the Cape, instead of going to North America as was given out, and probably had a design upon the Jamaica Convoy, we shall therefore wait here till it comes (which will probably be tomorrow) and protect it through the gulph of Florida. I therefore while I have leisure take up my pen to scribble a few lines more to you, trusting we must see the Convoy as I wish you to know every thing, truly & faithfully
respecting

will tell me under whose colours, I shall send my letters
therefore make you pay for my correspondence, which you
if I find Mr Jackson in the manner, shall
respecting matters here. Upon my receiving Admiral
Pegot's rendezvous, the 18th of last month / which was first
off Cape Antonio on the Island of Cuba, then the Capes of
Virginia, and thirdly New York / I took the liberty of
sending him a few lines to the following effect: If you
find the Enemy in force at the Havanna, I suppose you
will judge it right to cruise off that port, till you have
given safety to the Jamaica Convoy through the gulph
passage; and if I did not mistake you, when you
last honored me with a visit, you proposed to
reconnoiter the coast of Florida, and to satisfy
yourself, the Enemy's Fleet had not stoped at St.
Augustine: I should not therefore your rendezvous,
after passing Cape Antonio, be off the Havanna, then
Augustine, previous to your being looked for, off the
Chesapeake: he thanked me for the hint, and
fixed his rendezvous accordingly. I was sail a
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Ship and a Brig are now standing towards the Havana and from the Western Quarter, the Jupiter and Enterprise are gone after them. I shall therefore drop my pen, for the present, and resume it again upon the appearance of the Convoy.

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No Convoy in sight ~~of the Convoy~~. The Jupiter lost the Ship in the night, and fell in with two Polacres from Masselles to the Bay of Campeachy, and the Enterprise took the Brig an American Privateer, which had cruized five weeks

and taken nothing. The Ship was her Consort, of 20 Guns called the Count Delgrape which was seen this morning early and chased ashore not far from the

entrance of Havana Harbour, by the Tartar, and upon the Jupiters coming up, the Count Delgrape was set fire to, by her own people, soon burnt to the water's edge and blew up. I wish very much to gett hold of a small coaster or two that we might know, whether Don Galvez, came with his Troops from the Cape with Solano, for from that knowledge much may be gathered, respecting the Enemy's designs. After the hurricane months are past. I gave a hint of this last night, finding a little coaster within our reach, was neglected, to be gett hold in the morning. Most affectionately yours. H. Rodd

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